

# Box River News

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## FORTY YEARS ON, The Ruby Review.



**Left:** 'If I were not upon the stage' with Coralie Marshall, David Clapp, Elaine Horne, Tony and Monica Murphy and Jeremy Morgan.

**Bottom Left:** 'The Supremes' with Elaine Carpenter, Denise Gibbens and Annie Tyers,

**Bottom Right:** 'Flanagan and Allen', Vic Rice and 'I can't remember my lines Butler. (well he did remember all of them whilst also being the producer.)

**'Captain John'** with Tony Murphy and Derek Butler



In 1972, Laurence French, having just moved with his wife Doreen and 5 children into a new home in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, was posted to a new job in Ipswich, Suffolk! He had been moved by his firm to take up a senior position and was forced, for the time being, to commute home for weekends, living at the Fleece in Boxford during the working week. Eventually he and Doreen did commission a new house in Edwardstone but in the intervening time Laurence missed his life long hobby and interest - acting.

Since university at Oxford and even at school he had been a member of various amateur groups and life in Boxford was missing the vital ingredient of an am dram group. Never dreaming what it would spawn he inserted an ad in The Boxford News, (now the Box River News) requesting those interested in joining a new Drama Group to contact him. The response was encouraging to say the least and after an initial meeting at the Fleece of those interested the first tentative steps were taken to formalise the group.

Thus Boxford Drama Group was officially formed with an elected committee and a legally binding constitution on 23rd October 1974. The following summer they put on their very first production "Temptation Sordid - Virtue Rewarded". This melodrama/comedy was performed in the courtyard of The Fleece with the audience on bales of hay on a hot Summers Evening, and Boxford Drama Group was born.



This was the first of many and their Ruby anniversary was celebrated in Boxford Village Hall on 7th and 8th March this year with a a superb review involving members past and present performing snap shots from plays and reviews selected from the last 40 years.

The depth of talent in the Drama Group never ceases to amaze me, but this review was not the occasion to single out any individual performance. The performers were clearly enjoying themselves and their enthusiasm infected the audience into side splitting laughter and participation/

The Director, Margaret Clapp and producer, Derek Butler are to be congratulated on a superb show.

In the words of my old school song. 'Follow up, Follow up, Follow up' with another performance as soon as possible please.

Ed



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## THE CRAFT BEER REVOLUTION ON OUR DOORSTEP

All over the country a revolution is happening. A revolution in how we view, what has been long been seen as a rather mundane and ordinary drink, beer. The national newspapers have been full of stories about the rise in 'Craft Beer', but what is it and why is it becoming increasingly popular. To put this in to context Greene King, Suffolk's biggest brewer by some margin, have just spent £700,000 on a new 'Craft' brewing kit as well as spending a further £100,000 on consumer research on what they should brew. At the launch of the new brew house the Green King officials showed shareholders and customers a graphic that shows that although 'Craft Beer' only accounts for about 2 or 3 percent of the overall beer market it is growing by 60% year on year. The slide also showed that main stream lager brands were declining by more than 10% and traditional products like their own IPA were in decline by about 5%. This trend is set to continue as people become more conscious of health issues, they drink less but when they do they drink better.

So what is 'Craft Beer'? This is a question that is difficult to answer. I see it as beer that is brewed with passion for the product, not a passion for pleasing accountants. Beer brewed for flavour, and doesn't compromise the end product for the sake of saving a few pence a pint by leaving out aromatic hops. This beer does not need to be real ale, but should succeed on merit of flavour not marketing. The press has largely seen this as a revolution happening in large cities such as London, Leeds or Manchester, but I disagree, it is also happening on your doorstep.

Local microbrewers such as Mauldons and Nethergate (now Growler) have been producing beers for about 30 years, and in that time have produced beers that the big boys wouldn't have dreamt of making. Mauldons Black Adder Stout and Growlers Umbel Ale were front runners in the Craft Beer movement. These beers though are steeped in history, beers brewed to replicate what our ancestors would have drank. The driving force behind the booming industry in the last couple of years has been something totally different.

In the late 70's a law came in to force across the pond that allowed Americans to brew beer at home for their own consumption. The US brewing industry had been decimated by prohibition, leaving just a few big industrial brewers who had little competition. The result was insipid beer brewed with the cheapest ingredients. The new home brewers though were not restricted, they were well travelled, had tasted the Bitters and Porters of the UK, the Trippels and Sour beers of Belgium and the

Wheat beers and Dark Lagers of Germany; they started brewing commercially. These new breweries brewed beers of all styles, and started created some of their own which became extremely popular filling a void with exciting brews. Recently Jim Koch, founder of the Boston Brewing Company, became the first Craft Beer billionaire with a brewery only founded in 1983.

UK brewers are now looking west for inspiration and brewing beers that have historical origins but are also new and exciting. Mill Green Brewery in Edwardstone has been doing this since they started brewing in 2008. Beers like 'Good Ship Arbella', 'Tornado Smith' and 'Tess of the Compasses' are brewed using traditional techniques and using UK barley (often from Suffolk) and Edwardstone spring water. The thing that makes these beers different is the hops, the seasoning if you like. In a brew they may use 700L of water, 130kg of barley and 2-5kg of hops. These hops are carefully chosen and blended to create a range of wonderful flavours that won't be found in industrially produced cooking lager or ordinary bitter.

Tom Norton from Mill Green Brewery says...

'In the next year we are planning to expand the brewing kit and expand our experimentation, using more special yeasts, hops, and malts. We are looking West, like John Winthrop did before us. We will be using what we learn to bring exciting, flavoursome and moreish beers to your door step.'

## Polstead Community Shop 30th Anniversary

The end of March this year will see the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Polstead Community Shop. The Shop Board feels that this merits some kind of celebration, particularly as we were the first one to be set up in Suffolk. To that end we have booked the Village Hall for the afternoon of Saturday 26th April, where we hope to welcome as many past and present helpers and customers as possible. The Hall will be open from 2pm until 5pm and at 4pm there will be a cake cut to celebrate the Anniversary. During the afternoon our new Shop sign will be officially unveiled and there will be displays of memorabilia dating back to when the Shop first opened in a converted caravan in 1984. Refreshments will also be available. Our Anniversary will also feature in the EADT, the Suffolk Free Press and local radio over the coming weeks. So do come along and share your memories with us on this historic occasion. For further details contact Mike Constance (Shop Secretary) on 01787211302.

Freddie Gravita on trumpet and Carl Orr on guitar is a regular feature at Ronnie Scott's and greatly impressed Wynton Marsalis: "We haven't had anything like this in New York for over twenty years. "Come and discover the power of funky jazz originals and the music of Pat Metheny, Michael Brecker and Weather Report. With Mark Fletcher drums, Freddie Gavita trumpet, Carl Orr guitar and Steve Pearce bass. Fletch brings a tankful of energy to anything that he does. Even watching his teaching videos is a revelation. This band will blow you away with great jazz..

## Friday, 25 April 8.00, Ticket £16 Emilia Mårtensson & Trio

This eclectically folksy, graceful, ethereal and intimate Swedish singer brings her new album to Fleece Jazz. If you ever liked anything by Norah Jones, you will surely love this delightful blurring of folk and jazz. A truly fine emerging talent. With Emilia Mårtensson vocals, Barry Green piano, Sam Lasserson bass and Adriano Adewale percussion. "Martensson invests every sound with a skimming, rapturous lightness and clarity" (John Fordham) This band delighted us last February. This band delighted us last February. Come and enjoy again, or discover this singer on her way up.

## Just a taste of the May 2014 into August 2014 season

with Gilad Atzmon honouring Coltrane, Phil Robson's new organ trio with Ross Stanley and Gene Calderazzo, and the wonderful Damon Brown to blow us away.

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## Friday, 11 April, 8.00, Ticket £20 Barb Jungr with Simon Wallace

No one gets inside a song like Barb. She inhabits a song and brings out profound intensity, and never more so than when delivering Bob Dylan numbers. Moreover she is hugely entertaining. Do not miss a lady who is fast becoming a world super star. With Barb Jungr vocals and Simon Wallace piano. No-one but Barb can turn deep thought and study into dynamic passion and joy like she can. If you have yet to discover Barb, here is the perfect chance, in a delightfully intimate setting. And to have the company of that fabulous composer/pianist Simon Wallace: what an evening we have in store.

## Friday, 18 April 8.00, £15 Fletch's Brew

Drummer Mark Fletcher's powerhouse jazz fusion quartet with

## THE APRIL LETTER FROM REV JUDITH

*Dear Friends,*

Joni Mitchell was the soundtrack to my life when I was about seventeen or eighteen, as I think I may have already mentioned in this column. Her songs - like herself - and perhaps like all teenagers on the threshold of adult life - were a potent mixture of vulnerability and strength. One of her more catchy, yet still poignant, songs, was "Big Yellow Taxi". The refrain goes like this:

*"Don't it always seem to go  
That you don't know what you've got  
Till it's gone  
They paved paradise  
And put up a parking lot."*

In my last letter, I talked about "Paradise Lost", in the context of the sad and bad things that happen in our world - an army helicopter crash in Norfolk (sadly, today, echoed by another, civilian, one), the floods across western England. Now, though, "Paradise Lost" seems to have come a step nearer home, with the threat of closure hanging over one of the shops at the heart - that is the heart both geographically and socially - of Boxford village. Boxford may not be "Paradise", but its happy situation, with shops and pubs continuing to bring people, life and colour into the village, has seemingly survived against all the odds. It certainly runs counter to the sad trend of decline in many small communities.

And I am not sure that the first lines of Joni Mitchell's refrain really apply here, because I think the people of Boxford - and also of Edwardstone, Groton, and all who use the shops - do know what they have got. We have really loved and valued our shops, and especially the people who serve us in them, as the widespread disbelief and sorrow that has greeted this latest development show so clearly. It is the people - all of them - who give us such smiling and welcoming service every day, that make life in our communities just that bit better, make people's days just that bit brighter and more cheerful.

There have been pleas in this newsletter before, by others, for us to use, or risk losing, our shops - a message that still needs to be heard and acted on by us all. But this time, the situation, in which Boxford News will apparently close, was seemingly out of the hands of villagers to prevent. So we have a situation where those affected are naturally worried, anxious, sad, not knowing where to turn, not knowing what the future holds for them. And because of that, they are in my prayers and the prayers of all the benefice churches, and, I have no doubt, are in the loving thoughts of us all.

Jesus' disciples, with the events of Good Friday, their master put to death, were plunged into fear for themselves and for their future. It seemed that everything that they, and Jesus, had hoped and worked for had come to an end. Utterly dispirited and despairing, they huddled together for comfort in an upper room, behind locked doors. And yet, suddenly, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, everything was to change for them, as, inexplicably, wonderfully, they knew with certainty that their Lord's presence was with them once more, fully himself, fully alive. The darkness and doubts of their Good Friday were driven away by the light and hope of Easter morning.

It is a timeless message of hope - of hope and triumph against all the odds - and it is the message we celebrate this month in our church services of Holy Week and Easter, a message in which all of us can share, as we walk that Week together.

It is my prayer that the same message - where hopelessness becomes hope, and where the apparent end of something becomes, instead, a new, and unexpected beginning - will be true for Boxford News and for its staff, indeed for all our shops and their future. Inspired by that message, we can pull together as a community now, pooling our wills and wisdom and resources, to do whatever we can to help, support and secure the people and premises that we hold so close to our heart.

Blessings, *Revd Judith.*

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## BOXFORD NEWS CLOSES AFTER 70 YEARS



*Boxford News in 1952 after it moved from it's Swan Street Premises.*

Mary Riddleston and her late husband Herbert ran H D and E M Riddleston newsagents in Boxford for 37 years. They started the business in Swan Street in 1945 and traded there for seven years, after which the business was moved to the shop's present location in Broad Street where it remained until it finally closed on 22nd March this year.

Needless to say the present staff were greatly saddened by the decision of the present owners to close the shop after almost 70 years of trading. Not only are they all to be made redundant but a very valuable service to the local villages is to be lost.

In letters they have written to The Box River News 'The Team' wish to thank everyone for their loyal support over the last difficult twelve months and have expressed their sadness at not being able to serve you in the future. I know that it is with great feeling that they all say how much they are going to miss their customers. Going to the Newsagents was not simply shopping, it was a social occasion for all who went there to buy birthday cards, sweets or chocolates, newspapers or just simply to say Hi. I know I can speak for all the customers in wishing them all well in what they may do in the future and thank them for all their hard work over the years.

Newspapers will still be available for collection at The Village Stores with effect from Monday 17th March where you will also still be able to collect your Sunday Papers. There will also be a delivery service from another organisation wef. Monday 17th March. Those of you who already have papers delivered will soon know more details of the service offered.

Ken King, one of Boxfords oldest villagers, writes:

*Sir*

### What a Sad Day for our Village

I am 92 years old and can not remember a time since the end of the war when I was demobed, that I could not buy a newspaper in Boxford News or Riddleston Newsagents as it was then called. I still have a paper I bought in Boxford all those years ago, price 1d.

How sad it will be not to see those lovely smiles and the pleasure I got whenever I went to the shop where they always made us laugh.

To our old paper lad in Homefield who always gave us our early call, I say Thank You.

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Thank you all. *Ken King, Homefield*





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# THE GENTLEMEN FROM HELL



**The 4867th Bombardment Group (H) – Gentlemen From Hell**  
**A Pictorial History by John Cashmore and Dennis Duffy**

The History Society was incredibly fortunate and delighted to welcome another band of truly committed USAAF enthusiasts to the Parish Room, lead by John Cashmore and Dennis Duffy, who were ably supported by John Broughton, Malcolm Osborn (who gave a memorable pictorial presentation of the 486th last year), and Roger Lane (who displayed his fantastic art for our members in January).

The presentation covered all aspects of the 487th's transfer to Lavenham, including

building the airfield, flying the planes to England during wartime, base life and of course the famous mission 760 of Christmas Eve 1944. We were also treated to a fantastic display of USAAF uniforms, which included boots, helmets, caps, gloves, flying equipment, various small tools and (we were assured) a dummy 500 lb bomb; we also learnt many fascinating facts during the presentation:

Lavenham airfield was built during 1943, with technical and administrative buildings on the southern side of the airfield, along with most of the dispersed temporary buildings that provided accommodation for 2,900 personnel. It seems the concrete for the three runways and 3.5 miles of perimeter track totalled some 190,000 cubic yards, whilst the roads and buildings accounted for a further 52,000 cubic yards – quite astonishing quantities. Some 4,500,000 bricks were used in construction, with total site excavations amounting to 679,000 cubic yards; it was not however stated where all this mountain of stuff was dumped!

The 487th was activated by the US Second Air Force on 22 September 1943 at Bruning in Nebraska, moving to Alamogordo New Mexico in December that year. Ground units departed in March 1944 for Camp Kilmer, New Jersey and arrived in Gourock on 3 April 1944. The aircraft flew overseas on 23 March 1944, taking the (very long) southern ferry route via Fortaleza Brazil to Dakar, and on to Valley Wales, Scotland before flying to Lavenham in early April 1944. The unit's first commander was Lieutenant Colonel Beirne Lay, Jr, a prominent Hollywood screen-writer, until he was shot down over enemy territory on 11 May 1944 in one of the group's earliest actions. He evaded capture and returned to duty; after the war, he wrote the screenplay for Twelve O'Clock High, a famous 1949 film about aircrews in the US Army's Eight Air Force.

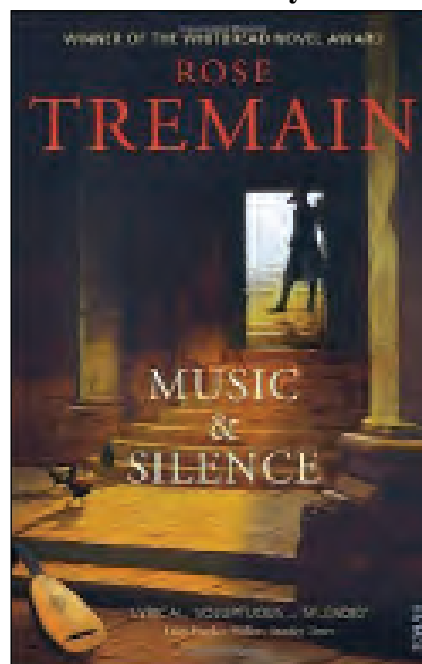
The group flew B-24 Liberators and later B-17 Flying Fortresses to bomb airfields in France ahead of the Normandy invasion, part of the Eighth Air Force's strategic bombing campaign. Coastal defences, road junctions, bridges and locomotives were also targeted in aid of Normandy ground forces on D-Day 6 June 1944. The 487th flew 185 combat missions, the last being on 21st April 1945. It also led the largest Eighth Air Force mission of the war on 24 December 1944, when some 1,400 bombers escorted by 726 fighters bombed eleven German airfields east of the Rhine, with another 634 heavy bombers attacking communication centres west of the Rhine. The mission was a "maximum effort" raid; Brigadier General Frederick Castle in the lead "Pathfinder" aircraft was shot down, as were a further 55 aircraft lost that day. The general was posthumously awarded the (Congressional) Medal of Honor for his actions during the mission; his portrait today hangs in the Lavenham Swan Hotel, one of his wartime haunts.

Amazingly, more than 90 minutes of absorbing presentation flashed by in an instant, with all present enthralled from start to finish. We are most grateful to John and Dennis for their generosity in freely giving their time, expertise, humour and passion to a subject of such great interest to so many people; this was visibly demonstrated by the record turnout of 60 that came very very close to exceeding our capacity. A great time was indeed had by all



# THIS MONTH'S GOOD READ BY JO MARCHANT

## Music and Silence by Rose Tremain



In 1991 Rose Tremain was in Denmark on a frantic business trip. On a precious day off her publisher took her to Frederiksborg, a beautiful fairy tale castle with a fascinating history. In the 17th century this was the home of King Christian IV and his famous orchestra, which lived and played in the dark cellars beneath, their music floating up into the King's chambers, baffling his important guests. Tremain was transfixed by this story, and after several years of research she published Music and Silence, a novel of many characters and a story line stretching from Christian's court in Denmark across to England

and Ireland.

Rose Tremain opens this beguiling tale in 1629. Peter Claire, an English lutenist, has arrived in Denmark to join the royal orchestra. He is taken to entertain the King who is depressed and ill and needs music to console him. The musician's playing is exquisite and before long the king forms a special attachment to him. The gentle plucking of the lute helps soothe away Christian's many problems. Then, a few pages on, we are introduced to the 'Almost Queen', Kirsten Munk, promiscuous and once beautiful, on the make and quite unsuitable to be Queen. She has borne him twelve children but is tired of all that and now fancies Otto, a German count. Kirsten is the dominant character in the book and oh, how we love her. She lightens up the page with her scheming and greed, and her wit entertains us right to the end. Of the entourage of characters we meet, she is the one we will remember. Poor Christian tries his best to solve Denmark's many problems, but his endeavours fail every time. Kirsten, on the other hand is feisty and, although banished from the court, is a survivor.

This magical novel has many contrasts; light and dark, duty and passion, good and evil and Music and Silence. Winner of the prestigious Whitbread Award, it delights the reader on several levels. I recommend



Frederiksborg Castle

it as a masterpiece of historical fiction; fresh, compelling and most original. Moreover, the Royal family were real people and you can find them and their portraits on Wikipedia.

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Following Pancake Day (Shrove Tuesday) celebrated in Mary's House, the first of a series of Box River Benefice Lent lunches was held in the Rectory in Boxford on Thursday. It was a beautiful sunny day and guests were treated to a range of freshly home made soup and rolls and bread, also home made by Rufus, the Rev Judith's husband.

Lent lunches have been held throughout March at Boxford, Edwardstone, Little Waldingfield and Groton. Revenue from these lunches goes to a charity of the hosts choice.



## GROTON'S NEW KITCHEN OPENED



Photo Pauline Lammings

Yes it's finished - the kitchen at Groton Village Hall. On Saturday 8th March Carey Fraulo, chairlady of Groton Parish Council, cut the ribbon to officially open the new Village Hall kitchen. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a slice of beautiful celebration cake.

We are so proud and pleased with the new kitchen which greatly enhances the facilities we can offer to people and organisations who hire the hall. Our thanks go to the National Lottery and to the builders Gant & Naylor.

And just to mention the Quiz and Curry evening on the 11th of April at 7.30 for 7.45 start. £10 per head (entry plus a choice of curry & desert) Teams of four with Bring Your Own bar and pie for the non curry eaters. There is also a Raffle with fabulous prizes.

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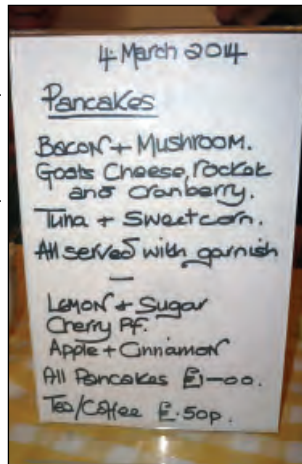
## SHROVE TUESDAY AT MARY'S HOUSE



Above: Tucking in at Groton's 'Pancake Lunch' in Mary's House, Swan Street.

Mary's House was the place to be at lunch time on Tuesday 4th April (Shrove Tuesday) where the hard working ladies from Groton had prepared a feast of pancakes, a tradition the day before Lent. Fillings of Bacon and Mushroom, Goats Cheese, Rocket and Cranberry, Tuna and Sweetcorn followed by a sweet of Lemon and Sugar, Cherry, and Apple and Cinnamon pancakes, all served with a smile and in convivial company.

This was the fourth year this event has taken place. Dreamt up by Pat Kennedy Scott, it is now a regular event in the extensive Groton calendar and is followed by the Spring Food Market at Groton Village Hall on March 29th.



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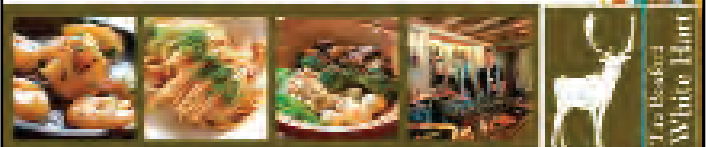
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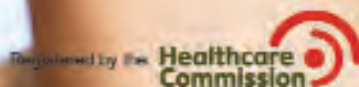


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# NEWS FROM CLUBS AND ORGANISATIONS

**Did You Know.....?** The Boxford Community Car Scheme grew out of an idea from one of our local Doctors about 4 years ago. A group of volunteers provide transport for residents registered with the Hadleigh or Boxford Practice for appointments at Hospitals and Health Centres? we also include Dentists, Opticians, Physio etc., for medical appointments. We are increasingly called upon to help. To maintain this 'service' we really do need more men & women volunteer drivers. To help with fuel costs, patients pay drivers 45p per mile.

If you are able to support us, the amount of time given is entirely up to you, and would be greatly appreciated. For more information: Please ring Sue Green on 01787210603.

## Groton Calendar 2015

Oh well, we didn't have any snow or frosts for the photographs, but now that we have some Spring flowers and blossom etc, perhaps you could snap some Groton scenes for the Calendar with a Spring-like feel instead. We still have until the early autumn to collect photos, so please send anything that you think would do, Groton Scenes only please, to Pat Kennedy Scott by email to [pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk) or by post to Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH; please say when and where the photo was taken, and give your name. There will probably be a Launch Party in the Autumn, when the calendars are ready for sale.

**LOST!** Irises bred by Bertram Long at 'The Firs' Stone Street, Boxford in the forties/fifties. Suffolk Plant Heritage is keen to find Bertram Long's irises to propagate and redistribute these wonderful bearded irises which won the RHS Veitch Memorial Medal and are now unavailable and we hope not lost forever. Mr Long was severely wounded on the Somme in 1916 and after the war became HM Inspector of Factories moving around the country with his wife always breeding more irises and digging them up to take with him. He finally retired and settled in Boxford where he died in 1962. He named his adopted daughter Rhona after 'our' Rhona in the Post Office and in fact named one of his irises Rhona. Please, if you think you have any of Long's irises in your garden, contact me, Maggie Thorpe, and I will visit you in May/June with pictures which will help with identification. Maggie Thorpe, President of Suffolk Plant Heritage, the world's leading plant conservation charity.

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## Paramedic Science degree

**UEA Paramedic Science degree to boost regional workforce**

The University of East Anglia (UEA) has launched a three-year Paramedic Science degree programme in conjunction with the East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust (EEAST).

Designed to help EEAST boost its future workforce, the course – pending approval by the Health and Care Professions Council – has been developed collaboratively with the trust to provide an innovative, research-led programme which will develop paramedics who are safe and effective and able to adapt to the rapidly changing context of health care. As first contact practitioners, paramedics assess, treat and refer patients with acute, urgent, long-term conditions.

Graduates will be prepared to meet the health care needs of local people including older people with complex conditions, those living with dementia and their families, patients receiving palliative care, patients with mental health needs and critically ill patients. Running alongside the existing work-based training run by EEAST, the BA (Hons) degree aims to provide an alternative route in to a career as a paramedic. It offers a balance between face-to-face contact using educational methods including simulation and scenario work, teaching of essential clinical skills and lectures, together with a range of inter-professional learning experiences with medical students, nurses, midwives, pharmacists and Allied Health Professionals across a range of programmes.

Rosie Doy, Associate Dean for the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, said: "Paramedics need to be very experienced and very skilled with excellent decision-making skills and the role is evolving as we see a more aging population and more long-term conditions. It is vital that training evolves in a similar way and we are delighted that future paramedics will be able to benefit from the expertise and facilities available at UEA." The first year of the course will focus on establishing a firm foundation for paramedic practice, incorporating practice-based learning, key clinical and assessment skills, communication skills, and personal development.

Year two will progress to complex patient management and decision making situations, exploring current issues in paramedic and out-of-hospital practice and developing confidence and skills in critical care.

In the third and final year, students will cover enhanced clinical

assessment and decision-making for '1st contact care', practice education, leadership, service improvement and preparing for the transition into practice as an independent registered paramedic.

EEAST has been heavily involved in development of the course, whilst also holding a recruitment drive for the traditional work-based training which has seen them receive more than 2000 applicants to date.

A spokesperson for EEAST said: "Our main priority is to reduce lengthy ambulance delays at the moment and in order to do this, we need more paramedics. There is a real shortage of paramedics in the county at the moment so we welcome courses such as this which will train the future generation of lifesavers in the east of England."

On Saturday 1 March 2014, UEA is holding an Open Day for Paramedic Sciences. For more information visit <https://www.uea.ac.uk/study/undergraduate/degree/detail/bsc-paramedic-science>.

## Support and Awareness for Crohn's and Colitis UK.

Taking place on Sunday 4th May 2014 at 6:00pm in The White hart, will be a charity fundraiser **Beautifully Tuneful**. The event will feature a raffle/tombola, cake sale and two acoustic performances from local musicians Teddy Driscoll and Cameron Raw.

All money raised will be directly donated to the brilliant work they do in supporting families and sufferers across the UK.

## FUND RAISING COFFEE MORNING

**in Mary's House, Saturday 5 April 2014, 9.30am - 12:30pm**

As some of you already know I am going travelling around the UK and Europe leaving at the end of April. Whilst in Europe I am planning to volunteer in various orphanages and would like to buy supplies for them locally. So come along to my coffee morning in Mary's House on Saturday 5 April to help raise some much needed funds. Cakes for sale and raffle. If you would like to make any cakes or jam to be sold or raffled, all donations will be gratefully received. Mandy.

## WANTED - KIDS CLOTHING (ALL AGES)

I am looking for donations of childrens clothing for all ages. These will be distributed to various orphanages across Europe that I am planning to visit during my travels. To find out more please come along to my coffee morning on Saturday 5 April in Mary's House. If you can't make that date please contact me on 07956 820124 to arrange an alternative drop off. Mandy.

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### THE SCRIPT OF THE WINTHROP PLAY

Several years ago [about 60 we think] local residents put on a play about the Winthrop family of Groton; there are plans afoot to re-enact this but we only have Act 1 of the play; so if you, or anyone in your family was in this play, and you have a copy of the script, we would be delighted to see it, in which case, please could you contact one of the Groton Churchwardens [Jayne Foster 211360, or Sue Knight 210785] or Pat Kennedy Scott 210319.

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## Newton Men Remembered

There are twenty men who died for their country listed on the War Memorial which stands on Newton Green, and many more who survived and returned. It was noted in the Suffolk Free Press (12th July 1916) that a very high proportion of Newton men had enlisted compared with other villages. Of the village total population of 345, fifty four men had already taken part in the war in 1916, fifteen more were ready to leave and 13 had offered themselves and been rejected. All are listed in the newspaper report. Fifteen of these men had been soldiers before the war began. Unfortunately there are few living relatives in Newton to provide information, but what follows is a tribute to all of the Newton men.

**Henry Overrill Tomkins No. 8108** Drummer, Coldstream Guards was a professional soldier before the out break of war. Born in 1894, he was married in the Spring of 1914 to Elsie Stevens in Northampton. In 1914, aged 20, he was promoted to Second Lieutenant in the 1st King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

By 1916 three of his brothers from Newton were also fighting:

Sergeant John E. Tomkins, Royal Field Artillery; wounded 1916.

Trumpeter Arthur Tomkins, The 8th King's Hussars; wounded 1916.

Boy First Class Terence Eric Tomkins, Royal Navy. (a "boy" aged 16 to 18 under training, who had previously served for between 9 months and 18 months rated as "boy 2nd class")

### NEWTON.

**LIEUT. TOMKINS WOUNDED**—Mr W. T. Tomkins, an old Army man, whose family is doing its share on war service, both in the Army and Navy, has been notified by the War Office that his son, Lieut. H. O. Tomkins, is in a French hospital, following a serious wound in the face.

*Above: Notification that Lieutenant Tomkins is wounded. 10th October 1917 Suffolk Free Press.*

In 1917 Henry suffered a serious wound to the face and entered a French Hospital. He survived and continued in the Army after WWI. He was serving in Quetta, Baluchistan, India (now part of Pakistan) in 1920. He died in Oxford in 1980 aged 86.

**Henry O Tomkin's Medals:** The British Medal 1914-20.

The Victory Medal 1914-19. The 1914 star (Mons star). This was given to all those in the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) who took part in the First Battle of Ypres and the "Retreat from Mons" in the face of overwhelming German force. Also a bar clasp inscribed, "5 Aug. to 22 Nov. 1914", was given to all those who qualified for the 1914 Star and who served under fire. Holders of the 1914 Star were permitted to wear a small silver rosette on their ribbon when the decoration itself was not worn. These three medals were known widely as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred, jokingly named after a long-running British newspaper strip cartoon about a "family" consisting of a dog, penguin and rabbit, which was published in the Daily Mirror from 1919 to 1956.

**Private James Hayward No. 21250**, Essex Regiment, 11th (Service) Battalion. He was born in 1891 and in 1911 he lived in Hall Lane, Newton. James was a general labourer on a farm and he enlisted immediately the war began. The Essex Regiment 11th Battalion was formed at Warley Barracks, Brentwood in September 1914. As part of the BEF Third Army it came under orders of the 71st Brigade in the 24th Division. It soon moved to Shoreham and then to billets in Brighton in January 1915. In October 1915 it became part of the 18th Brigade in the 6th Division. On 30th August 1915 James entered the Theatre of War France/Flanders, landing at Boulogne.

Having taken part in the Battles of the Somme during 1916, James was killed in action 24 March 1917, aged 26, in the vicinity of Lens/Bethune on the Loos battlefield. He is buried in Philosophe British Cemetery, Mazingarbe in Flanders. James Medals were the Victory, British and 1915 Star.

**Gunner William Edward Lingley No. 155965**, Royal Horse Artillery and Royal Field Artillery B Battery, 315th Brigade

William was the eldest of three sons of William Lingley and Ellen Chinnery. He was born in 1897 and lived at 1 Church Road, Newton. He was a farm worker at Newton Hall until he enlisted at Sudbury.

William died on 23rd March 1918 of wounds received during the three day Battle of St Quentin. "Operation Michael", as the Germans called it, was an attack that began their Spring Offensive on 21 March 1918. By mid-February 1918, the Germans had moved many Divisions from the now collapsed Eastern front to the West. It was believed by British intelligence that the Germans now had 177 Divisions in France and Flanders, out of their world-wide total of 241. Of these, 110 were in the front line, of which 50 faced the relatively short but recently extended British front. A further 67 were in reserve, with 31 of these also facing the BEF.



*Above: Typical equipment used by Gunner William Edward Lingley, Royal Field Artillery.*

The battle was launched from the Hindenburg Line, in the vicinity of St Quentin, France. The 21st March saw the biggest barrage by the enemy in the whole of the war. Fog hampered the British and the Germans used it to advance rapidly under cover, intending to drive the BEF into the sea. The initial goal was to break through the Allied lines and advance in a north-westerly direction to seize the Channel ports, which supplied the British. Two days later Ludendorff changed his plan and pushed due west instead, along the whole of the British front north of the Somme. This was designed to separate the French and British Armies and crush the British forces.

The offensive was a German tactical success and ended at Villers-Bretonneux, only just to the east of the Allied communications centre at Amiens, where the Allies managed to halt the German advance. The German armies had moved very quickly a considerable distance west, suffered many casualties and were unable to maintain supplies to their advancing troops. Much of the ground fought over was the wilderness left by the 1916 Battle of the Somme. The strategic failure of the German offensive marked the beginning of the end of the War. The arrival in France soon afterwards of large reinforcements from the United States replaced British casualties. The German Army was unable to recover from its losses before these reinforcements took the field. The large area of country gained in the German advance was lost again during the Second Battle of the Somme (21st August – 3rd September 1918).

Gunner WE Lingley is buried at Roye New British Cemetery near the A1 auto-route to Paris. He was originally buried in Roye Old British Cemetery, 1.6 kilometres south of the town. This was made in March 1918 by the 53rd Casualty Clearing Station, but there was little time to mark the graves before the town was recaptured by the Germans on the 26th March, three days after William died. The Germans took it over and extended it for the burial of their own dead. In 1920 the Commonwealth graves, including that of Gunner WE Lingley, were removed half a mile to Roye New British Cemetery.

**Lance Corporal William Edward Jordan No.14297**, 9th Battalion Suffolk Regiment. William Edward Jordan, known as Eddie, was the eldest of six sons and three daughters of William and Gertrude Jordan. His father was a farm bailiff in Newton and they lived at Butler's Farm at the end of Church Road, just behind Newton Church. He was just 18 when Britain declared war on Germany on 4th August 1914. He immediately enlisted into the Suffolk Regiment and was a member of Kitchener's Third New Army (K3) which was established in September

1914. 100,000 men were called to K3 and placed into six Divisions (21st to 26th Divisions). Eddie was in the 24th Division.

The units of the Division assembled close to Shoreham, Sussex. The early days were somewhat chaotic, the new volunteers having very few trained officers and Non Commissioned Officer's (NCO) to command them and no organised billets or equipment. It was March 1915 before makeshift uniforms arrived and July 1915 before rifles were issued. However, this period would have provided a substantial amount of time for basic training.



*Above: Lance Corporal William Edward Jordan.*

The 24th Division moved in June 1915 to Aldershot, Surrey for final training. Lord Kitchener inspected the Division at Chobham ranges (Surrey) on 19th August and next day King George V inspected them. The 24th Division finally entered the France/Flanders Theatre of War on 31st August 1915, over a year after war was declared.

The Battle of Loos (September - October 1915). The Division's first experience was truly appalling. Having been in France for only a few days, lengthy forced marches brought it into the reserve position for the British assault at Loos, south of Lille. There had been a mighty offensive the day before Eddie's Division arrived. The battle took place on ground not of their choosing and before stocks of ammunition and heavy artillery were sufficient. The opening of the battle was noteworthy for the first use of poison gas by the British Army. Despite heavy casualties, there was considerable success on the first day in breaking into the deep enemy positions near Loos and Hulluch. Unfortunately GHQ planning left Eddie's Division too far behind the front line to be a useful reinforcement on the first day and they were unable to exploit the successes. They were sent into action the second day on 26th September, whereupon the British suffered 4,178 casualties for very little gain. The Battle of Loos was referred to as "The Big Push" and there had been some success prior to the slaughter of Eddie's comrades. He was fortunate to survive this.

The remains of the 24th Division were transferred to the 6th division on 11th October 1915, a few days before the end of the Battle of Loos. The Division they joined had taken over its new front east of Ypres in Belgium three months earlier. Trench casualties had almost doubled immediately and replacement men were needed. Eddie joined them just behind the front where they were resting in late Autumn 1915. The Division moved back up to the front in early 1916 and the 9th Battalion Suffolks dug in two miles north east of Ypres.

It was close by at Forward Cottage that Eddie died on 25th May 1916. At least 5 more local Suffolk men in his battalion had together met their deaths here in one day the previous week, and it may be that Eddie was wounded with them and died later. He is buried alongside these comrades only half a mile from where he fell at La Brique Military Cemetery on the outskirts of modern Ypres.

His family Death Penny with the quote 'He died for Freedom and Honour' still hangs on the wall in his nephew Peter Jordan's home. The Death Penny was a Commemorative Memorial plaque given to every next of kin of men and women whose deaths were attributable to the Great War.



*Above: A very young looking Private Robert W Ambrose (aged 19)*

**Private Robert W Ambrose No. 9683, 1st Battalion Essex Regiment**

In 1911 Robert was living at Newton and was the eldest child of 10. His father was a horseman and he was a labourer. He was 19 when the war broke out. He entered the Eastern Front Theatre of war on 25th April 1915 as part of the 29th Division which sailed from Avonmouth, going via Egypt and Mudros, finally landing at Gallipoli, Cape Helles (modern Turkey). This peninsular guarded the entrance to the Dardanelles, the route to the Black Sea and the Russian Empire (Britain's Ally), and to Constantinople (Istanbul), the capital of the Ottoman Empire. The Ottoman leaders had formed a secret alliance with Germany against Russia and had allowed the German Navy access, threatening British influence and naval supremacy. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, was one of those pressing for action in 1915 to secure this important strategic waterway. The naval attack was repelled and, after eight months' fighting, with many casualties on both sides, the land campaign also failed and the invasion force was withdrawn to Egypt.

On the morning of 25th April 1915 the British 29th Division under the command of Major General Aylmer Hunter-Weston landed on five beaches around Cape Helles. The main landings were hotly contested and the British suffered heavy casualties. A supporting landing made on the Aegean coast to the north was made without opposition, but the troops were without instructions so made no attempt to either advance or dig in. A major opportunity for early success was lost.

The ferocity of the Ottoman defence of the landings led the British to grossly overestimate the size of the opposition they faced. Believing at the time that the Ottomans were indifferent fighters, they assumed they were faced by two divisions whereas in reality they outnumbered the Ottomans 3 to 1 and were confronted by two weak Ottoman regiments which resisted doggedly while waiting for reinforcements.

After heavy fighting, the British were able to secure the main landings. By the afternoon of 27 April, the Allies were able to make an advance of about two miles up the peninsula towards Krithia in readiness for an assault on the following day. The overly-complex plan was poorly communicated to the brigade and battalion commanders of the 29th Division who would make the attack. Hunter-Weston remained far from the front. Because of this he was not able to exert any control as the attack developed. The initial advances were easy, but as pockets of Ottoman resistance were encountered, some stretches of the line were

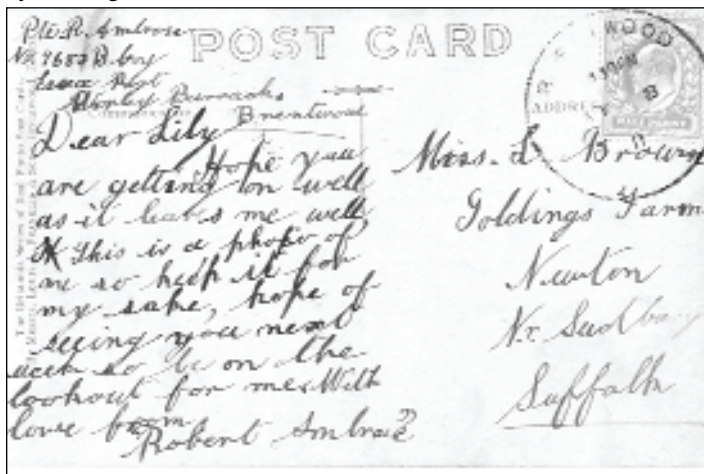


held up while others kept moving, thereby becoming outflanked. The exhausted, demoralised and virtually leaderless British troops could go no further in the face of stiffening Ottoman resistance. By 6.0 pm on 28th April, the attack was called off. Robert had survived.

14,000 Allied troops participated in the battle, suffering 3,000 casualties. The scale and duration of the battle was minor compared to later fighting, but the First Battle of Krithia was one of the most significant of the campaign as it proved that the original British assumption of a swift victory over an indifferent enemy was grossly mistaken. Thereafter, Helles would become the scene of numerous attrition battles and success would be measured by an advance of 100 yd.

The exhausted soldiers of Robert's 29th Division halted to consolidate their positions. Otterman counter attacks in May were repulsed with the help of Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (Anzac) troops. There was already a woeful shortage of shells for the artillery and poor medical provision. About one third of the Allied soldiers who fought in this second action became casualties. The few stretcher bearers that were available often had to carry their burdens all the way to the beach as there was no intermediate collecting station with wagon transport. The hospital ship arrangements were also inadequate, so that once the wounded were taken off the beach they would have trouble finding a ship prepared to take them on board.

Another attempt was made by the 29th Division to capture Krithia village on 4th June 1916. The battle continued for three days and once again there were heavy casualties on both sides. By the end of the battle, their new front line was a mere 200–250 yd in front of their start line. If the British had had the troops to resume the attack on the following day, the Ottomans believed they would not have been able to hold. As it was, when the Ottomans launched a counter-attack against the 29th Division at the Vineyard on 6th June, the British came close to breaking. Second Lieutenant G.R.D Moor of the 2nd Battalion, the Hampshire Regiment was awarded the Victoria Cross for stemming the retreat of his battalion by shooting four of his own men.



Private Robert Ambrose of Newton died on this day 6th June 1916, probably in this counter attack by the Ottomans on the Vineyard. Robert is buried at the Helles Memorial Cemetery close to where he fell and where he had landed only six weeks previously.

Roger and Tina Loose

**A letter from the Bombadier:** Puddings with hair on. (taken verbatim from the Suffolk Free Press, 25 April 1917)

*Bombadier C Hughes, nephew of Mr Hughes, and one of the Newton Green old boys, writes a letter to his uncle giving some impressions of things around him. He is happy and well despite the awful weather - nothing but continual rain. This makes it so bad getting about, but still Tommy goes on. He writes from the ruins - not an office or a library, he says. Now and again it rained bricks and tiles, and you need your steel helmet. Variation is provided by a fight in the air. Fritz does not venture over our lines if any of our Airmen are about; if he does he dodges in and out of the clouds. It's a sight to see them come down in flames, toppling over and over, and crashing to earth like lead.*

*It would do some of our people at home good to see the men come out of the trenches - you can't see them for mud; and they are drenched to the skin. Still, you get used to it, and Tommy is tough as iron. We are a few miles back from the front line, so we don't get sniped, except by 8 inch or something of that sort. But for every one Fritz sends he gets twenty. He is dug in well, so we have to burst up the ground all the way in front of the boys before they can go over; so every few feet there are shell holes for miles around. When we came off the Somme to where we are, there*

*were not many, but now! When we first came here, when it was dark we got so used to shell holes that we did not know where we were when we were on the level. But we are back 'home' again amongst them.*

*I've been blown out of my dug-out twice. I rebuilt it, and stayed till the battery moved. The first one came while four of us were having a drop of tea, talking about Blighty. It cut half the dug-out off like a knife, upset our tea arrangements, and rolled us over like nine pins. We had to clear out a bit, returning as soon as Fritz quieted down. Two nights after, along came another, while I was asleep alone, my bed chum being on duty. This one cut the top right off the dug-out. Oh: wasn't I in a pickle; like a miller entangled - you couldn't see me for dust. The same week six of us were fetching water, just for a trim up. One came right in the centre of us. We were down like pancakes in a moment. If you drop like a stone you seldom get hurt, but of course you can be too close. Fifty to a hundred yards away you would 'cop it'.*

*This last six months I have been put in charge of the cook house. The boys like 'duff' and as we get a little flour from rations and from dry canteen profits I decided to make some. Had no bags to put them in, and for a bit did not know what to do. Then thought of some new sand bags - cut half off and tied the top, and that did for two, and so we kept on until there were twelve, decent sized ones too; no baking or any other powder, so you can guess they rose like mushrooms. The first they had was roly poly jam. No meat was eaten that day, for they only wanted 'duff'. As we turned them out, they bore the fluff of the bag, so they had pudding with hair on. Hair or no hair, it "went down" a treat. So we kept on making one or two a week. We are improving our pastry and things, we have now rigged up an oven with irons, so we can roast beef or mutton; thus the boys get a change from stews. Sometimes we have a job to make ends meet, and I have to put the flour into the stew to prevent anyone seeing through it. Still, we get a little bit of every kind. The men of course want good food, carrying 100lb shells about. It doesn't matter; give us bully and biscuits and we shall win! . . . Before long, if only the weather will give us a chance - look out, Mr Fritz*

A large congregation, which included visitors from neighbouring parishes—Waldingfield, Avington, Sudbury, etc., assembled at the parish church on Sunday night at a service in memory of the eleven fallen lads of Newton, whose names appeared in our last issue. Rev. W. D. Churchill, Rector of Milden, taking the place of the Rector, Rev. A. T. Wren, who is ill, officiated, and delivered an impressive address. During the service hymns 399 and 401, "When our heads are bowed with woe," and "Now the labourer's task is o'er" were sung, and at the conclusion Miss Hart, the organist, played the Dead March from "Saul." The offertory, which amounted to £2 1s 3d, was to provide tobacco and cigarettes for the Newton lads now at the front.

#### Footnote to last month's story on Charles Tricker's war.

Peter Simpson of Little Waldingfield writes to the BRN to say that in October of last year he visited Ypres in Belgium with the Long Melford Silver Band. Prior to the visit he researched to see if any of the fallen listed on the Little Waldingfield war memorial had served at Ypres. He discovered that Joshua King, a Private in the 1st Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment had died at the Battle of Frenzenberg Ridge on 8th May 1915, the same day that Charles Tricker of that Battalion was taken prisoner of war. Joshua enlisted into the Suffolk Regiment at Bury St Edmunds on 23 July 1903. He gave his age as 17. However, Joshua's entries in the 1891 and 1901 census suggest that he was in fact only 15 and too young to enlist in the infantry. No doubt being the youngest of five children and, according to the 1901 census, already working as a farm labourer, he was no doubt seeking an escape from the rural poverty that was widespread at that time.

Service in the colours gave him the opportunity to travel to an extent that would otherwise at that time have been impossible for a man of humble means. The 1st Battalion Suffolk Regiment was the overseas, full strength battalion of the two Suffolk battalions in the period 1907 to 1914. They were based at in Malta between November 1907 and January 1911, before moving to Alexandria and then to Cairo, Egypt between January 1911 and January 1914. With the outbreak of the war the Battalion was recalled and arrived in Liverpool on 23rd Oct 1914. Following a brief period of home leave and retraining the battalion left the UK from Southampton on 16th Jan 1915. They entered the line in February near Ypres. Joshua was never to return to his home in Little Waldingfield and died at Frenzenberg Ridge on the morning of May 15th 1915, one of over 400 Suffolk men to die that day.



## Newton Green Golf Club.

The annual general meeting of the Club was held on Saturday afternoon at the Saracen's Head, Newton. Mr H. S. Oliver presided, and others in attendance were:—Dr. Trimble, Messrs F. Boggie, C. A. Simon, I. E. Clover, J. O. Stead, C. H. Wells, A. Walters, O. Rolfe, & B. Baker (Hon. Sec.), and Rev. A. P. Peacock. The statement of accounts was presented. The report stated:—Your Committee are glad to report that there is a small balance in hand on the accounts for the past year, in spite of a decreasing membership. They have now no alternative but to point out that it is absolutely necessary that the individual support and interest of each member should be forthcoming in order that the Club may be saved from collapse. It is with the deepest regret that the Committee have to record the death of Major O. H. Tippet, for many years Captain of the Club, who was killed in Gallipoli whilst leading his battalion. His genial disposition and unflinching courtesy, as well as his ever ready help in the interests of the club from its foundation, make his loss irreparable, and your Committee hope that some means will be found for the Club to perpetuate his memory. The Committee also deplore the loss of E. Davy (the professional) who was killed whilst on active service in France.

**Left: Private George William "Huskie" Hurst, No. 15997, Suffolk Regiment, Labour Corps.** Farm labourer aged 17 in 1911. Went to France 25 July 1915. He was probably transferred to the Labour Corps having been wounded. This was common for those who, on recovery, were no longer A1 fitness for front line action. The Corps job was building and maintaining the huge network of roads, railways, canals, buildings, camps, stores, dumps, telegraph and telephone systems and moving supplies, often by horse. George survived. After the war he was a bricklayer's labourer and lived on Assington Road. A brick layer's apprentice remembers him as follows: "George would get the work done 'at just the right pace' this would give him the chance to read the 'racing page' each day. All the time I knew him, I cannot remember him getting angry or using a lot of bad language. His face which was always red, was always smiling and when we shouted 'Muck up' the cement would appear at George's pace. Once delivered he would stand and watch us and then disappear to fetch whatever we needed next or sneak a look at the paper, if he thought there was time. The conversation on the site was not very deep; mostly it was sex, football, sport of all sorts and life down the pub." He died aged 77 in 1971. Tina and Roger Loose and with thanks to Harry Buckledee



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# Wot's On

## BOXFORD GARDENING SOCIETY

Unless otherwise stated, meetings take place on the FIRST Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Boxford Village Hall and guests (£5 each) are very welcome. Just turn up! For any further information between mid March and 1st May while Rosie Osborne is away, please contact our Chairman, Maggie Thorpe, 01787 211 346 or email maggiethorpe37@gmail.com

The April speaker is Simon Charlesworth, Downterry Nursery Ltd., in Kent, who will be talking on 'A World of Lavender' - and bringing plants for sale! - and May is the PLANT SALE in Boxford Church.

## Boxford Over 60's Club (for all ages)

We meet for approx 2.25 hours for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We have a quiz or game of cards etc. and occasionally Bingo.  
Shirley Watling 210024

## HADLEIGH CHORAL SOCIETY

Brahms : German Requiem, Song of Destiny, and Academic Festival Overture at St.Mary's Church, Hadleigh Saturday 5th April, 7.30pm  
HCS : Colchester Symphony Orchestra Conductor Christopher Phelps  
Katy Hill ( soprano) Owain Browne ( baritone )  
Tickets £12 £10 £2 ( under 16), from The Idler, Hadleigh,  
Choir members, or on the door. www.hadleighchoralsociety.org.uk

## Box River Knitstitch Group

We now meet at Mary's House in Swan Street from 2.30pm to 4.30pm every Monday 3pm to 4.30pm. Bring your own projects to work on and get inspiration and help from others. For further details phone 01787 211488 or 01206 263301

## Boxford Scout Group Open Day

Sat 10th May 2014 - 1st Boxford Scout Group Open Day. At The Spinney, Fen St, Boxford. Come and see all the things scouting has to offer. Open 11:00 17:00 - For more details contact Sally Gooderham 01787 211805 sally.gooderham@btinternet.com

## Newton Bridge

The next bridge drive will be on Monday 17th March, and then Monday 14th April (both a week later than previously stated). I hope to see you all there and I promise to try to speed up play! Please arrive by 6.45 pm for a 7.00 pm start.

We play friendly Chicago bridge and are pleased to welcome new members. If you need a partner please let me know and I will try to fix you up. Alan Vince. 01787 373963

## MILDEN SINGERS

**Songs from The West End and Broadway**

Shows on Friday 2nd May, doors open at 7.30pm show time 8pm with licensed bar and buffet. Saturday 3rd May doors open 1.30pm show time 2pm with afternoon tea and licensed bar.

At and in aid of Milden Pavilion tickets £5 from Pearl 01449 741876

## Polstead Community Shop Anniversary

The end of March this year will see the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Polstead Community Shop. The Shop Board feels that this merits some kind of celebration.

To that end, we have booked the Village Hall for the afternoon of Saturday 26th April, where we hope to welcome as many past and present helpers and customers as possible.

Further details of the timing and nature of the event will be included in the April edition of LSPN News, but in the meantime, please make a note of the date and keep it free.

## FOB'S Quiz Night

Friends of Boxford School Quiz Night Saturday 26 April 2014 at Boxford Primary School. Teams of up to 8. £10 per person including a Fish and Chip supper. Licensed Bar, Raffle and Irish Bingo. To register your team please contact the school office on 01787 210332 or Tracy King 01206 262139. Payment will be requested in advance. Places are limited so please register your team by Friday 4 April.

## But You Don't Look Ill - cheerful, chatty support

Thursday 10th April 2-4pm  
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## GROTON FOOD MARKET

### SATURDAY

### 29th March 2014

### Groton Village Hall

### 10:30—2:30

Lots of goodies to taste and buy!!

- CHEESE
- APPLE JUICE
- SAUSAGES
- GINGER WINE
- PRESERVES
- COFFEE
- CAKES
- BREAD
- REFRESHMENTS



**BOXFORD  
GARDENS  
OPEN**

**Sunday 1st June 2014**

**11.00 am - 5.00 pm**

*Beautiful gardens to view*

*Ploughman's lunches in the village hall*

*Cake and cream teas - Plant and cake stalls*

*Quilting exhibition in the church*

*Church tower open - fabulous views*

*Start at the church or look out for the 'Gardens Open' signs and pay £1.50 at the first garden you come to (children free)*

*Proceeds to Boxford St Mary's Church*

*For more details call Angela Tolpelt on 01787 212264*



# Wot's On

## LITTLE WALDINGFIELD VILLAGE WALKS

We meet at the Pavilion on the Playing Field at 10.00. a.m. on the first Sunday of each month. Walks usually take an hour to an hour and a half but there are opportunities at various points for people to return by shorter routes. Walks finish at the pavilion where light refreshments are provided. Anyone may make a donation to the Playing Field funds before, or after, the Walk.

## Little Waldingfield History Society - History in the making

9th Apr Chris Bowden, Printing in the 19th century

All talks will be at the Parish Room in Church Road, Little Waldingfield, commencing at 7.30 pm sharp. Please book & pay in advance to guarantee your place as seats are limited.

Booking Secretary: Diana Langford, Pitt Cottage. Phone: 01787 248298

Membership of LWSHS costs £10.00 per person pa

Current fees are £2.00 for members, £4.00 for non-members which includes light refreshments.

<http://littlewaldingfie.waldorf.onesuffolk.net/organisations/local-history/>

## Little Waldingfield Parish Room

April 12 Themed Supper

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

September 6 Coffee Morning

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 10.30am

October 25 Quiz Night

Lt Waldingfield Parish Room Parish Room 7.00pm

## Leavenheath Village Hall Digital Cinema

Tickets £3.50 per adult, £2.00 per young person

Telephone: Lesley (01206 262505) or Ken (01206 263266) for tickets

Arrive 7.00pm starts 7.30pm SAT 5TH APRIL - SAVING MR BANKS

## Polstead Cinema Polstead Village Hall

Tickets £3.50 from the Polstead Community Shop or 01787 210029

Arrive at 7.30pm, doors open at 7.00pm. Friday 25th April

## POLICE 'SURGERIES' IN MARY'S HOUSE IN 2014

PCSO Siobhan Hemmett will be holding an informal police 'surgery' in Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford, between 10.00 am and 10.30 am on the following Tuesdays: 29th April, 22nd July, 14th October. Do drop in if you have anything to report or that you would like to discuss with Siobhan. There is a room upstairs that can be used for any confidential conversation.

## BOXFORD GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 1st June 2014, 11am-5pm

This will be the 17th year of Boxford Gardens Open and the event is still proving as popular as ever, drawing visitors from a wide area to see our lovely gardens. This year we will be doing lunches back in the village hall and there will be plant stalls in and around the church and school. There will also be an exhibition of quilting in the church. Please put the date in your diary and also pray for good weather! The event requires a large number of volunteers to make it run smoothly, so any offers of help are always extremely welcome. In addition to existing gardens, we are also looking for new gardens to open. All money raised is used to benefit Boxford St Mary's church. Contact Angela Tolputt (call 01787 212264 or email [angela@tolputt.com](mailto:angela@tolputt.com))

PLANT HERITAGE AT HELMINGHAM Helmingham Hall IP14 6EF

## SPRING PLANT FAIR

SUNDAY 25TH MAY 2014 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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## Groton Spring Food Market

Saturday, March 29th 10.30am ---- 2.30pm at Groton Village Hall

Entrance £1 children free.

We now have a good selection of stall-holders for this market, including Apple juice, Cheese, Pies, Sausages, Bread, Cakes, Preserves and Ginger wine [see Poster], so we hope for lots of visitors, and there will also be refreshments available all day, so come with your friends and have cake and coffee, or lunch, or a nice cup of tea.

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HISTORIC MUSIC VENUE**

**JIM CAUSLEY (with Support)**  
29th March - Music starts 7.45pm. Tickets £8

**HEIDI TALBOT & JOHN McCUSKER**  
12th April - Tickets £14. Music Starts 8.30pm

**RODDY WOOMBLE**  
20th April - Tickets on sale

**KIERAN GOSS**  
16th May - Music Starts 8.30pm Tickets £12.50

**Bella Hardy**  
"Folk Singer of the Year 2014"  
(with Support) 7th June.  
Music starts 8pm. Tickets £12

These are early-bird tickets.  
Prices will increase.  
We also have regular folk nights - open to all  
to play, sing, listen, jig, dance and be merry.  
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## 1st Boxford Scouts Open-day

### A fun day out for all the family

**Canoing**

**A great day out**

**Archery**

**Bar & Quiz**

**Saturday  
10th May 2014  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Boxford Spinney  
Fen Street CO10 5HL**

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**Air rifles**

**Bridge Building**

**Entrance Fee £3**

**Families £10**

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**For further information please contact Sally Gooderham 01787 211805  
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GROTON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS



# QUIZ AND CURRY EVENING

At

Groton Village Hall

On Friday 11th April 2014 7.30 for 7.45 Start

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Teams of four

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Raffle

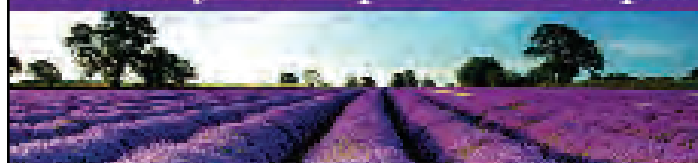
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BOXFORD  
GARDENING SOCIETY

Simon Charlesworth of Downderry Nursery Kent

**A WORLD OF LAVENDER**

Tuesday 1st April at 7.30pm



**PLANT SALE  
TUES 6th MAY**

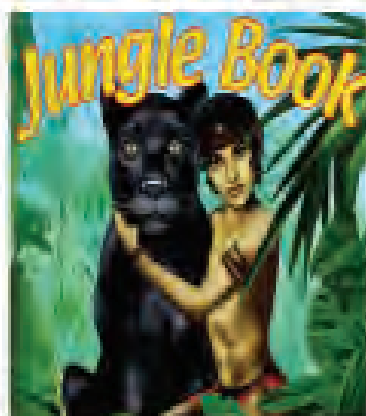


Tuesday 6th May  
7.30 to 8.30pm

St Mary's Church Boxford. Please bring your contributions to the church between 2.30 and 5pm.

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21<sup>st</sup> April - CAR BOOT/TABLE SALE 9-1pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** - AN EVENING OF MEDIUMSHIP WITH LINDA ROWNTREE - Linda is an up and coming medium as seen on TV. 7.00pm - 7.30pm

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Mark Anthony Presents UNFORGETTABLE: A TRIBUTE TO NAT KING COLE - Supported by a talented musician, Mark celebrates the 1950s with this special, timeless music. £10.00 (Friends £9.00) 7.30pm

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April** - QUAY HISTORY SUNDAYS - When The Railway Was King in Sudbury / The Birth and Death of Sudbury Cinema - with Peter Redmell & Simon Frampton £7.00 7.30pm

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - Image Musical Theatre presents THE JUNGLE BOOK - Fox Interact musical for all the family! 7.30pm Adult £6.00 Children £4.00 Family Ticket 7pm and 4.30pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - FILM CLUB: ESPIONAGE - Including Hitchcock and more! £10.00 oneself or £35.00 for season 10.30am

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April** - Worcester Repertory Company presents SECOND BEST BED - The superb one-act play following the thoughts of Ann Hathaway (Shakespeare's wife) £10.00 (£9.00 Friends) 7.30pm

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April** - DOS RAMAS: Juico Barrull & Manucha Vargas - Representing two of the most important gypsy dance dynasties in Seville's Flamenco history £17.00 7.30pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April** - Scott Jordan Entertainment presents THE RAT PACK: 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour - The official UK New Trilogy Act is back! 8.00pm 7.30pm

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April** - Rampus Theatre Company presents THE COMEDY OF TERRORS! By John Goodrum - A madcap comedy! £11.00 (£10.00 Friends £7.00 Students) 7.30pm

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April** - DAVID SCHERL - IS THIS MAN THE FUNNIEST PIANIST IN THE WORLD? The most original musical humourist of his generation! £14.00 (£13.00 Friends) 7.30pm

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Metal Box Productions presents LIMELIGHT LIZZY - The No.1 Film Lizzy tribute act with their action-packed show! 7.00pm 7.30pm

ALSO: 7<sup>th</sup> April: Book Club; The Quay / 16<sup>th</sup> April: The Quay / 15<sup>th</sup> (Ladies' Group) / 27<sup>th</sup> April: Open House Night

## Forthcoming Events Diary

<b>March</b>			
29 Spring Food Market	Groton PCC	Groton Village Hall	10.30 to 2.30pm
30 Spring Concert		Boxford St Mary's	6.00pm
<b>April</b>			
1 A World of Lavender	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford Village Hall	7.30pm
2 Esat Anglian Witch Hunt of 1645	Boxford WI	Village Hall	2.pm
9 Little Waldingfield History Soc	Printing in the 19th century	Parish Room	7.30pm
10 DIY or Walk at Ager fen	Boxford WI		
11 Quiz and Curry Evening	Groton VH Mgt Committee	Groton Village Hall	7.30pm
12 Themed Supper	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.00pm
12 Childrens Activity Day	Box River Benefice	Mary's House	TBA
13 Boxford Bike Club	TORNADO	Boxford	TBA
14 Newton Bridge			6.45pm
26 FOB's Quiz Night		Boxford School	7.30pm
28 Boxford Community Council AGM		The Pavilion	8.00
<b>May</b>			
2 Milden Singers	Songs from the West End and Broadway	The Pavilion	7.30pm
6 Plant Sale	Boxford Gardening Society	Boxford St Mary's Church	7.30-8.30pm
7 Tales from the Bench	Boxford WI	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
8 WI Bunting and Banne	Boxford WI Craft Club	Mary's House	2.00pm
10 Boxford Scouts Open Day		Boxford Spinney	11-5pm
<b>June</b>			
1 Boxford Gardens Open		Boxford	11-5pm
4 East Anglian Air Ambulance	Boxford WI	Boxford Village hall	2.00pm
12 DIY or walk from Hadleigh to Aldham	Boxford WI		
22 Open Gardens	Little Waldingfield		11am-5pm
<b>July</b>			
2 Patchwork and Quilting	Boxford WI	Boxford Village Hall	2.00pm
10 Speaker	Boxford WI	Mary's House	2.00pm
<b>September</b>			
6 Coffee Morning	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		10.30am
<b>October</b>			
25 Quiz Night	Little Waldingfield Parish Room		7.00pm
First and Third Monday each month Boxford Parish Council Meetings in		Bell House, Stone Street St, Boxford	7.30pm



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# The Box River Parishes Church News

**Boxford • Edwardstone • Groton • Little Waldingfield • Newton**

**Priest in Charge:**

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Antony Dodd, Mill Green End, Edwardstone CO10 5EX

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*Please let any of the above or a Churchwarden know if you would like a home visit, home communion or a hospital visit, or of any cases of sickness or otherwise where they might be of assistance.*

**Benefice house:**

Mary's House, 5 Swan Street, Boxford CO10 5NZ.

## Daniel Lewis's baptism



## MARY'S HOUSE BOOKINGS

When making a booking, please ensure that a contact name and telephone number is entered clearly in the diary in respect of every booking, as we need to know who to contact in the event of any query over, or the need to change, a booking.

Please also note that the suggested donation is now £1.00 per head for a two-hour booking for all meetings. For inquiries about bookings, please contact Pauline or David Lamming: telephone 210360.

There is now a 2014 diary for bookings in Mary's House



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY, BOXFORD

**Churchwardens:**

Ruth Kingsbury, Rose Cottage,  
Sherbourne Street, Edwardstone tel.211236

Peter Patrick, Amberley,  
White Street Green. tel 210346

**Holy Week Services:**

**Good Friday: 18th April - a service of devotions at the cross 2.00pm**

**Easter Day: 20th April- Holy Communion at 11.00am**

**Sunday March 30th is Mothering Sunday**-There will be a Family Service at 11.00am with flowers for our mothers. We also will be especially welcoming the Brownies who celebrate the centenary of the founding of the Brownie movement this year.

**Also 30th March a Suffolk Villages Festival Concert at 6.00pm – "The Young Bach"** – Box Office details are on the leaflets at the back of church.

**Saturday May 17th:** We look forward to a return visit by the stunning Colchester Military Wives Choir. Those who came to the concert in May 2013 will surely have found their singing very moving & enjoyable-make a date to come - Saturday 17th May - doors open 6.30 pm, for the concert to start at 7.00pm. Lots more details soon.

**Sunday June 1st:** Boxford Open Gardens: Make a date to visit & explore lots of wonderful gardens in and around Boxford. See the advert elsewhere in this newsletter.

**Saturday June 21st-** A concert by Hadleigh Choral Society is being planned - more details soon

**Commemoration Services 2014: The 70th Anniversary of D Day (1944-2014)** A Special service is planned for 11.00am on Sunday 8th June. Everyone is welcome.

**On the weekend of 2nd- 3rd August** there will be a 1st World War exhibition in church presented by the Boxford Society (prepared by Tina Loose) together with a service of reflection & commemoration at 11.00 am.

**Boxford Calendar 2015:** We are looking ahead now to the 2015 calendar! So plenty of photos please! Proceeds from the sale of the calendars is for the upkeep of the Parish Church.

**The Bible Study group** meets at 7.30pm on 2nd & 4th Mondays in the month at 47 Swan Street by kind permission of Peter & Margaret Holden. This month we are exploring Hebrews. Everyone is most welcome to come.

**The Annual Parish Church Meeting will be on Sunday 6th April after Evensong at about 7.30pm** – At this meeting the Churchwardens are elected for the coming year & reports about the life & work of the church are presented. A short PCC meeting is held after the Annual Meeting to elect church officers for the coming year.

**Smile Lines:**

Notice in the kitchen of a Church Hall:

"Ladies, when you have emptied the teapot, please stand upside down in the sink."

Copy Date for Church News section in the May 2014 Box River News:

**Please, NO LATER THAN 13th April Failure to meet the date will mean your copy may not be included**

Thank you. Sue Knight. 01787 210785

email address: sedwards1946@btinternet.com



## THE PARISH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, EDWARDSTONE

Churchwarden:

**The Lent Lunch:** The Edwardstone Lent Lunch went well. 17 of us had a happy meal together and enjoyed hearing from Sue Beven how the Shelter Box Disaster Relief Fund started, and what vital items are in these boxes which are sent all around the world to disaster areas. We collected £180 which will be sent to the charity. A big thank you to all who supported this event.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** This year's ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (to elect churchwardens - of whom we are still in need) is on Tuesday 29th April at 7pm in Edwardstone Village Hall, School Green, Edwardstone. It will be followed at 7.30pm by the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. This is the meeting that elects representatives to serve on the PCC for the coming year. The PCC will present its report and accounts for 2013 and there is an opportunity at the meeting to ask questions or raise any matter of parochial or general church interest. Anyone whose name is on the electoral roll is entitled to attend and vote. Do come to this important meeting in the life of the church and have your say. This will be followed by the PCC meeting.

### Rota:

**Flowers:** Everyone.

**Sidesman and coffee duties:**

6th April - 08:00 - HC - Jan Paul

20th April - 10:00 - Easter Day (HC) Rev David Abel - Jan Paul/Ineke Morris

**Cleaning:** Justine Walters/Frances East/Alex Nevill



## THE PARISH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, GROTON

Churchwardens: Jayne Foster:

Ramblers, Bulmer Lane. 211360

Sue Knight:

Cotlee, The Street, Groton; tel 210785

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** Groton is again hosting this memorable service to celebrate Christ's resurrection. Please join us at 5.30 am (BST) at the War Memorial triangle. Breakfast afterwards (bacon butties and Buck's Fizz) in the church.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS:** A reminder that Annual Meeting of Parishioners (to elect churchwardens), is on Tuesday 25th March at 7.30 pm in Groton Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton, to be followed at 7.40 pm by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. See the March BRN for details.

**PCC MEETING: Tuesday 25th March 2014** in Groton Village Hall, immediately following the APCM (to appoint PCC officers and elect the standing committee for 2014-2015).

**Groton Spring Food Market:**

**Saturday, March 29th 10.30am - 2.30pm** at Groton Village Hall Entrance £1; children free.

We now have a good selection of stall-holders for this market, including Apple juice, Cheese, Pies, Sausages, Bread, Cakes, Preserves and Ginger wine [see Poster], so we hope for lots of visitors, and there will also be refreshments available all day, so come with your friends and have cake and coffee, or lunch, or a nice cup of tea.

**Groton Calendar 2015:** Oh well, we didn't have any snow or frosts for the photographs, but now that we have some Spring flowers and blossom etc, perhaps you could snap some Groton scenes for the Calendar with a Spring-like feel instead. We still have until the early autumn to collect photos, so please send anything that you think would do, Groton Scenes only please, to Pat Kennedy Scott by email to pkenscott@tiscali.co.uk or by post to Groton House, Groton, Sudbury, CO10 5EH; please say when and where the photo was taken, and give your name. There will probably be a Launch Party in the Autumn, when the calendars are ready for sale.

**CHRISTIAN AID:** This year's Christian Aid Week takes place from 11th to 17th May. Volunteers to help with the house-to-house collection are always welcome: please contact David Lamming on 01787 210360.

### Rota:

**Sidesman with Sacristan:** Mr Lamming & Mr Kent

**Flowers:** No flowers in Lent, then Festival Arrangements

**Cleaning:** Mrs Skinner



## THE PARISH OF ST LAWRENCE, LITTLE WALDINGFIELD

Churchwardens

Vacant

**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK, 11th—17th May 2014:** Christian Aid Week is Christian Aid's major annual fundraising initiative so, if you could help with this year's collection, please contact David Lamming (Tel: 01787 210360.)

### Rota:

**April 6:**

**April 13:**

**April 18:**

**April 20:**

**April 27:**

### Sidesman

Mrs Gardiner & Mr Powell

Visiting

Mrs Nicholls & Mr Duffy

Mr Bowden & Mrs Ridgeon

Visiting

### Flowers

No flowers

No flowers

No flowers

All

Mrs Ewen



## THE PARISH OF ALL SAINTS, NEWTON

Churchwarden:

Christine Cornell,

"Opus", Sudbury Road, Newton, Tel: 370331

**23rd February:** At Morning Worship the attendance was down due to more illness than usual and members away on holidays. Revd Judith led our service and the text of her sermon was 'Do not worry about your life.....your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things'. She reminded us of the enormous floods that have happened which caused great worries. But by thinking of the word in the original, which seems to have meant 'to worry anxiously' maybe by using all the knowledge and experience gained, there are things that can be put into use for a more positive future. Thank you to Michael for playing the organ and to our helpers.

**6th March:** Lent Lunch at the Boxford Rectory. About twenty people received a warm welcome from Revd Judith followed by wonderful home made soups and breads made by Rufus. We donated to his chosen charity - Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture.

9th March: Holy Communion was taken by Revd Judith leading us into the first Sunday in Lent. Seeing the purple colour of vestments and absence of flowers focused the mind to the coming Easter event. Thank you to Michael for playing the organ and to all helpers.

**Notices:** 30th March: Mothering Sunday Service at 3.00 pm.

20th April: Easter Sunday Service at 9.30 am with

Revd. Gerald Drew.

3rd May: Church Gift Day Coffee Morning at the Village Hall 10.00 to 12.00.

## Benefic News

### Fun Easter Family Activity Morning: 12th April

All families in the benefice are invited to join in this morning's activities at Boxford Village Hall from 10am to 12 am.

There will be a range of messy and creative activities, including some of the following: Painting and collage; creating an Easter Garden; decorating Easter cakes; making Easter egg cosies; decorating Easter bunnies etc. The day before Palm Sunday, this will be a fun way to remind children of the real meaning of Easter. One adult must accompany their children during the morning please.

**MINISTRY TEAM MEETING:** The Ministry Team meets next at Mary's House at 7.30 pm on Monday **7th April 2014**

## General Church News

**DEANERY SYNOD:** The synod met on 6th March when the main item on the agenda was to take a fresh look at what should be included in the deanery plan (not just focusing on reducing the number of stipendiary clergy in the deanery). Members of the synod have been asked to take this back to their PCC and for PCCs to send any comments to the rural dean, the Revd Canon Gregory Webb, or to the lay chairman, David Lamming.

**DIOCESAN SYNOD:** The spring meeting of the diocesan synod took place on Saturday 1st March. Principal items of business were: (i) a presentation by the Diocesan Director of Education (Jane Sheat) on "DBE for the Future," following which the synod passed a resolution



requesting the Diocesan Board of Finance to budget for two new School Improvements Officers in 2015; (ii) an update report by the Director of Mission, the Revd Dave Gardner, on the Diocesan Growth Strategy, and (iii) consideration of the new legislative proposals that, if enacted, will enable women to be appointed as bishops in the Church of England. A majority of diocesan synods must give their approval for the legislation to proceed. Ours was one of the first diocesan synods to vote on the proposals and it voted overwhelmingly to give its approval. A decision made by General Synod on 11th February is intended to 'fast-track' final approval, with the hope that the first female bishop may be appointed early in 2015.

**NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP:** The Vacancy in See Committee will be meeting on Monday 24th March to elect six of its members to the Crown Nominations Commission that will meet later this year to choose a new bishop for our diocese. Please pray for the members of the committee in this important task. The Archbishops' and Prime Minister's appointments secretaries will be carrying out consultations in the diocese on 25th and 26th March, including an open meeting at 6.30 pm on 25th March in the

St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich, which anyone is welcome to attend. 100 YEARS, 100 TREASURES: Copies of the book produced to celebrate the diocesan centenary (see December 2013 BRN) are still available, price £5.00. Contact David Lamming if you would like to buy a copy.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUDBURY & DISTRICT**  
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**PRAYER BREAKFASTS IN APRIL:** Saturdays, 8.00 am to 9.30 am  
 5th Suffolk Road Church  
 12th Sudbury Baptist Church  
 19th Long Melford United Reformed Church  
 26th St Andrew's Church, Great Cornard *All welcome.*  
 Please look at the Churches Together website for details of other forthcoming events: [www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk..](http://www.churchestogetherinsudbury.org.uk..)

## Box River Benefice The Church At Worship April 2014

### Village Daily Prayers • PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME/PLACE FOR LITTLE WALDINGFIELD TO END OF MARCH •

Each week, said in the five churches\*: an informal, friendly service, lasting between 30-40 minutes, with Revd Judith. We pray for those who are ill, for concerns of the villages, and for the wider world. Do join us!

Please let Revd Judith know the names or those you would like prayed for, or any situations for prayer:

**Confidential messages can be left on tel. 210091 or emailed: [rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com](mailto:rvdjudithboxriver@btinternet.com).**

The rota is: Tuesday 9.00 Edwardstone, 16.00 Little Waldingfield (\*At Newman's Hall Farm) Wednesday 9.00 Groton; Thursday 9.00 Newton, 17.00 Boxford.

### Wednesday 2nd

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion – Mary's House	Revd Judith
Thursday 3rd			
Little Waldingfield	19.00	Home Communion - Newmans Hall (Reserved Sacrament)	Revd Judith and team

### Sunday 6th

Edwardstone	8.00	Holy Communion	(P) Revd Judith
<b>Lt Waldingfield</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	11.00	All-Age Worship Families welcome!	Revd Judith
Boxford	18.30	Evensong	Christopher Kingsbury

### Wednesday 9th

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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### Palm Sunday 13th

Groton	8.00	Holy Communion	(R) Revd Judith
Newton	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Family Communion with palm crosses</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
<b>Boxford</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>Family Communion with palm crosses</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>

### Wednesday 16th

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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### Maundy Thursday 17th

Groton	19.30	<b>Reflective service: "The Last Supper"</b>	Revd Judith
<b>Good Friday 18th</b>			
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	<b>Family Service with hot cross buns!</b>	Revd Judith
Boxford	14.00	<b>Reflective service: "At the foot of the cross"</b>	Revd Judith and Christopher Kingsbury

### Easter Day Sunday 20th

Groton	5.30	<b>Easter Sunrise Service with breakfast!</b> at the War Memorial Triangle. Families welcome!	(W) Revd Judith
Lt Waldingfield	9.30	<b>Family Communion</b>	Revd Judith
Newton	9.30	<b>Family Communion</b>	Revd Gerald Drew
Edwardstone	10.00	<b>Family Communion</b>	Revd David Abel
Boxford	11.00	<b>Family Communion</b>	Revd Judith

### Wednesday 23rd

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion – Mary's House	Revd David Abel
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### Sunday 27th

Boxford	8.00	Holy Communion	(W) Revd Judith
<b>Groton</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>Morning worship</b>	<b>Revd Judith</b>
Boxford	11.00	Matins	Christopher Kingsbury
Newton	11.00	Holy Communion	Revd Judith

### Wednesday 30th

Boxford	10.30	Holy Communion - Mary's House	Revd Judith
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## Soap Box

In case it had escaped your attention, a new Local Plan has come into being. It was formally adopted at the end of February and even now councillors are grappling with the verbiage such an initiative promulgates to understand what it might mean for their communities. Local plans are, of course, about a myriad of issues that face the area, but what most people will be concentrating on is what it might mean for planning regulations and how any change will affect them.

It's not as if we haven't had sufficient warning. Barely a day goes by without some story or other hitting the media concerning the lack of suitable housing and the need for Britain's house builders to get off their backsides and create more homes. Their response is often that planning rules are too complex and opportunities limited. Then the government weighs in with promises to make planning a simpler process and allow the building that is needed.

But local communities often don't want what they see as unnecessary development in their own backyard. They are naturally speaking from a point of interest. They, after all, live in the place where new housing is proposed and do not wish to have the calm of their immediate neighbourhood disturbed. This time I rather think they might be disappointed.

Amongst the straws in the wind I have detected in recent press comment is the proposal that some village greens might be released for housing and, arguably more important, the Princess Royal espousing the view that villages need to bear their share of any development. I feel she has a point. I know of at least one young person in my village who was born here and wishes to stay, but cannot find suitable accommodation.

The new plan indicates that 6,000 new homes will be needed over the next few years, of which more than 1,000 are expected to come from so-called hinterland villages, a classification into which Little Waldingfield, Groton, Edwardstone and Newton Green fall – Boxford being a core settlement. There are just over 40 of these in Babergh, which suggests an average of 25 new homes for each village, not a number to be sniffed at.

Actually, the plan indicates an increase of around 10% in the housing stock of each village would be appropriate – not that a developer's charter is about to be issued. The guidelines are quite specific. Planning will be granted on a local needs basis. While this is actually harder to define than

one might think, in practice it is likely to mean that affordable homes and retirement bungalows will be preferred over a clutch of desirable four bedroom detached residences which the developers would prefer.

The inclusion of affordable homes is now a prerequisite in any scheme. At least one third of new homes built must fall into the category of "affordable", which means that they will be managed by a recognized affordable home operator – either part sold or rented. Contrast this with the previous rules which stipulated that only development of 15 houses or more must include an affordable element. You'd be amazed at the number of applications tendered for 14 new homes or less.

In the near quarter century I have served on our Parish Council I have seen a number of houses built in the village, probably sufficient to add 10% to the number that existed when I first moved here. Not many of them could be termed as affordable, though a couple were added into a rebuilding scheme of existing affordable stock some years ago. The difference with what has happened before is that it has been largely opportunistic – a house here, another there, mainly infill – with no overall sense of inherent planning.

The advantage this time is that Parish Councils have the chance to dictate some of the terms on which new houses will be built. If they don't, then the risk exists that developers will make the running. In the end it's all about money. The developers wish to make as much as they can. Councils, both District and Parish, are losing central support, so extra households to contribute to the exchequer are needed, along with the now mandatory Section 106 contributions from the developers. But they have a duty to the communities they serve.

As for the role of central government, they have a need to accelerate the building of new homes, which stalled in the wake of the financial crisis of 2007/08. There is also the issue of a rising population, mainly because we are living longer, but also helped on the way by inward migration of those who view this country as an attractive place to live. And housing needs are changing, with the nuclear family decreasing in importance and more people living alone. The case for more house building is strong.

My personal views are inappropriate – irrelevant, even – in this context. I know that nimbysism is alive and flourishing locally. This time, though, feels different. I only hope that whatever change transpires, it can be accomplished without splitting communities. Only time will tell.

Brian Tora is Chairman of Little Waldingfield Parish Council.

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# GARDENING IN APRIL HARRY BUCKLEDEE

Ornamental Grasses are in, fashion at the moment and they compliment many other plants and flowers in a border. There are several species to choose from in various forms with variations in height and colour. All are easy to grow in ordinary garden and can make splendid exotic borders. Planting should always be in spring and any dividing and replanting clumps should also be carried out in spring. One of the most handsome of grasses is *Phalaris arundinacea* (gardeners garters) with its mass of white stripped Leaves from the first shoots in spring until the October frosts turn them sere. Throughout the winter they keep their shape and should not be cut down until spring. Another eye-catching grass is *Stipa Gigantea* (feather Grass) for planting in a herbaceous border where its feathery plumes tower above herbaceous plants. The heads when young are light purple in colour changing to the colour of ripe corn in summer. The heads should be left to stand the winter when they look quite spectacular when covered in frost.

Rambler Roses need feeding and mulching with manure to encourage the production of new flowering stems to replace the old stems in Autumn. Try and keep, new, non flowering stems separate from the old wood by securing them to a bamboo cane. This will simplify the removal of old wood in Autumn and to tie in the new growth to the permanent support. Feed spring flowering bulbs when the flowers have died off, to build up the bulbs for good flowering next year. Do not knot the leaves of daffodils, this practice prevents them from continuing to put energy back into the bulbs.

Cuttings of delphiniums can be taken now and rooted in a heated greenhouse. Select a shoot about 4 inches long with a piece off the crown of the plant, shoots taken higher up have a hollow stem and are unlikely to root.

Fuchsias that were cut back earlier should now have produced shoots which can have the tips removed and used as cuttings.

Green peppers, are almost as easy to grow as outdoor tomatoes. Sow the seed now in a heated greenhouse to raise plants for planting out in a sunny part of the garden at the of May.

Towards the end of the month sow Runner Beans. French Beans, Marrows and Courgettes in pots in the greenhouse planting out end of May when the danger of frost is past. Seeds of hardy annuals can be sown in borders now. Rake ground down fine and sow the seed in shallow drills

about six inches apart in irregular shaped patches. Seed should be lightly covered with fine soil or sand. It may be necessary to put a strands of cotton over the patches to prevent birds disturbing the seeds.

Spring may be showing little evidence but daffodils and tree blossoms are starting to bloom. Expect the inevitable 'April showers' this month but sunny albeit chilly days too. It's an exciting month, with indoor-sown seeds well into growth, and sowing outdoors. Just watch out for frosts.

## Top 10 jobs this month

1. Keep weeds under control
2. Protect fruit blossom from late frosts
3. Tie in climbing and rambling roses
4. Sow hardy annuals and herb seeds
5. Start to feed citrus plants
6. Increase the water given to houseplants
7. Feed hungry shrubs and roses
8. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches
9. Prune fig trees
10. Divide bamboos and waterlilies

Mulch away while you can still see what you are doing and before the herbaceous growth really takes off. Use your own garden compost or leaf mould, well rotted manure, the contents of out-of-date grow bags or ready-made soil conditioner.

Now the soil is warming up and things are starting to grow, add general purpose fertiliser before covering with mulch especially in borders, the fruit and vegetable patch and containers. If you have already mulched, draw it back (if possible), tease the soil a little, add fertiliser and replace the mulch. Carry on removing moss and weeds from paths, terraces and drives. Make new beds and borders - mark the shape with sand trickled from a bottle, remove the top layer of growing vegetation and dig the ground over, incorporating as much organic matter as possible. If you are making a bed in the lawn, remove the turf - if you dig it in the buried grass will regrow and regrow and regrow...

Clean and repair your garden tools, book the lawn mower in for a service and check garden furniture for any rot. When it is warm enough, treat sheds, fences and trellis with wood preservative; brushes and rollers are fine, however a sprayer is well worth buying for tricky projects such as woven panels!

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# Parish Council Matters

## BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING** held on Monday 17 Feb 2014 at 7.30p.m. in Bell House, Stone Street, Boxford

**PRESENT:** R Balls (Chairman), M Norman (Vice Chairman), C Hughes, J Fincham-Jacques, R Hobbs, S Green, R Gates, Bryn Hurren (District Councillor), J Finch (County Councillor)

**APOLOGIES:** were received from Debbie Hatterell due to illness, Sue Impett on holiday and Cheryl Wilson

**DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS:** none were declared  
**MINUTES 3 FEBRUARY 2014:** Accepted as correct.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:** none declared

**POLICE REPORT:** introduction of PCSO Debbie Rudd by PC Enise Bala

!6th Jan -16th February 2 crimes reported. Catalytic converter removed from vehicle in Swan Street on 28th January.

Theft of trailer and contents parked behind Swan Street.

Priorities are crime prevention particularly focusing on rural burglaries and school parking in Boxford. Another letter is going out to all the parents. Sue Impett has sent a letter to school suggesting a one way system for the parents to use, coming into Boxford down Sand Hill and out up School Hill.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:** Thank you from David House to all the parish councillors who went to look at the flooding. Suggested that any development behind the Brook Hall estate would make flooding worse. The field behind the houses is holding back the water and if there was more concreting of the area there would be more water channelled into the village. The sandbag wall had helped to contain the flooding on Friday night.

Adrian Chalkley had made a 16minute video of what happened regarding the flooding. Roger Balls said this had been sent to Icen and the head of Strategic Housing at Babergh, Julie Abbey – Taylor.

James Fincham-Jacques noted that Babergh hadn't lifted a finger to help with flooding.

Bryn Hurren thought the council should pay for half the cost of the sandbags, which cost £60.

J Finch stated that Jane Birch at SCC had seen video and agreed to progress with suggestions for Ash Street end. He also stated that need to implement planning law that water run off should be no more than it was before any building at Sand Hill. Michael Norman suggested that Jane Birch should put her agreement in writing. One member of the public stated that an engineer he had talked to said that holding tanks were no good in flash floods. Sue Bevan asked if bigger tanks would be needed on the proposed Sand Hill site. She also questioned the fact that these tanks are controlled by electricity and as this area was subject to quite frequent power cuts what would happen then?

Sue Bevan asked why the Sand Hill development plans had been withdrawn. Access to Sand Hill and drainage were problems and had the Parish Council checked other concerns?

B H stated he had objected to the design of the proposed dwellings and the problem of water retention. S B also questioned the access to the top of Sand Hill and the bridleway was a problem. B H said the plans have to fit what they say.

S B asked if there was to be a consultation in the village. B H replied that he had asked for that and the head of housing was coming to talk in the village

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT:** BH reported the budget was being finalised and it was likely there would be a 0% increase. Government Freeze Grant gives local authorities 2% extra if don't put up council tax. Councils told to build more houses to collect more council tax.

The local plan will run out soon. The PPF framework is to build 60% new houses round large towns, 40% round sustainable villages and some in hinterland villages eg Groton, Edwardstone. This will mean more chaos in Swan Street. The Folly Lane development in Great Waldingfield has meant an increase in Swan Street traffic because it is used as a route through to Hadleigh.

B H said he had walked various rivers in Boxford and talked to people. The bridge improvements had been a great help and the water was getting away faster. A serious scheme was needed to cope with the water coming down from the Spong and the tributary from Groton. At the back of Fen Street the water comes over the road.

Ryan Jones, from Babergh, had offered his expertise but this has not got any further. Sue Green commented that if Babergh/Flagship can't sort out the playing field and flats, how can they be trusted to do anything else. R B agreed with SG. Public footpath behind P Rose's in Ash Street, needs a breeze block wall and BH has asked Babergh for a contribution. M N commented that there is the expertise locally but need go ahead from Babergh and a contribution.

There are plenty of dog fouling notices around the village now.

Street sweeping rota is to stay the same.

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT:** County Councillor James Finch attended and reported as follows:-

(See separate sheet for James Finch's summary report.)

### CORRESPONDENCE:

**IN:** Mrs Galvin (Boxford House) re tree work

E mail Jill Harris (Babergh) re Chicken Farm inspection. Delay in dismantling of sheds and polythene tunnels hampered by weather. Caravans to be moved then permanent buildings are complete. Hedging shelters footpath and felt should be left until building complete.

E mail request for info re Burial plot from Sandra Turley - Councillor Norman has replied.

E mail from Tony Morris at Orwell Housing re Fitzgerald Meadow. Trying to find out who owns the road.

Concerning footpath Wash lane – Mr Verlander needs to know which footpath as

there are several. Bridleway no 10 - encroachment of vegetation from gardens that back onto bridleway. Richard Gates to provide addresses so addresses can be written to on block.

Letter from R Meekings re planning application B/13/00868/LBC. Agreed that planning files should not contain anything defamatory about anyone. J F has had 2 meetings with Mr Meekings and he has been advised to write to chief executive and if that doesn't work to write to independent complaints procedure. Letter of support from PC proposed by RG and seconded by SG.

**OUT:** Letter to P Murton at Icen Homes enclosing video of flooding

Letter to Julie Abbey Taylor - head of Strategic Housing at Babergh/Mid Suffolk enclosing video of flooding

Meeting on 3rd March with Mrs Abbey-Taylor and hopefully a representative of Icen.

**PLANNING-ANY URGENT ITEMS:** 3 applications due to expire soon:

1. Simbo's Gun Dogs and Grooming, Stone Street B/14/00053 Varying times of opening in winter months. No objections.

2. Mrs Galvin – Boxford House – B/14/00166 - reduction of trees and felling of some- No objections.

3. Mr Southgate, 41 Swan Street B/14/00033 – replacement of existing front door to listed building No objections.

**FINANCE-ANY URGENT PAYMENTS:** Cheque for £66 for sandbags and sand. BH hopes Babergh will pay half cost.

2 latest bank statements

**FLOODING:** Immediate concerns– Spinney gateway and behind David's where a stump is causing a whirlpool in main stream. Also 2 trees that need reducing adjacent to houses.

**FITZGERALD MEADOW:** See correspondence in.

**CEMETERY:** Sweet chestnuts to be pruned when the ground is firm enough to allow machinery on there. Sign near cemetery has been cleaned (MN)

### DATE FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Monday 14th April to be confirmed. Village Hall availability to be checked.

**REPORTS FROM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS:** Flooding at playing field not resolved, drainage not resolved. Water main to pavilion damaged when flats built. Mr Southgate's garage has water seepage. Pavilion water has to be turned off when not in use. Flagship have not been helpful. BH suggested that Parish Council have work done and bill Flagship agenda item for next meeting.

**Speed watch** – John Moles unhappy about new forms which are now required. Hopefully PCSO Jamie Fudge can help to get some originals which can be copied.

Lake at end of Brook Hall Rd – tried phoning Mr Keeble but no reply so far.

MN reported that wire on footpath to Wash Lane has been tidied up.

In May have to elect new officers to parish council. Roger has done 4 years as chairman so need to think about who would like to be new chairman.

*Next Meeting agenda - Flagship*

The Chairman of Boxford Parish Council  
invites all residents to the

## BOXFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

on

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at  
7.30 for 7.45 p.m. start in Boxford Village Hall

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Robert Hobbs, Cecil Hughes and  
Julian Fincham-Jacques

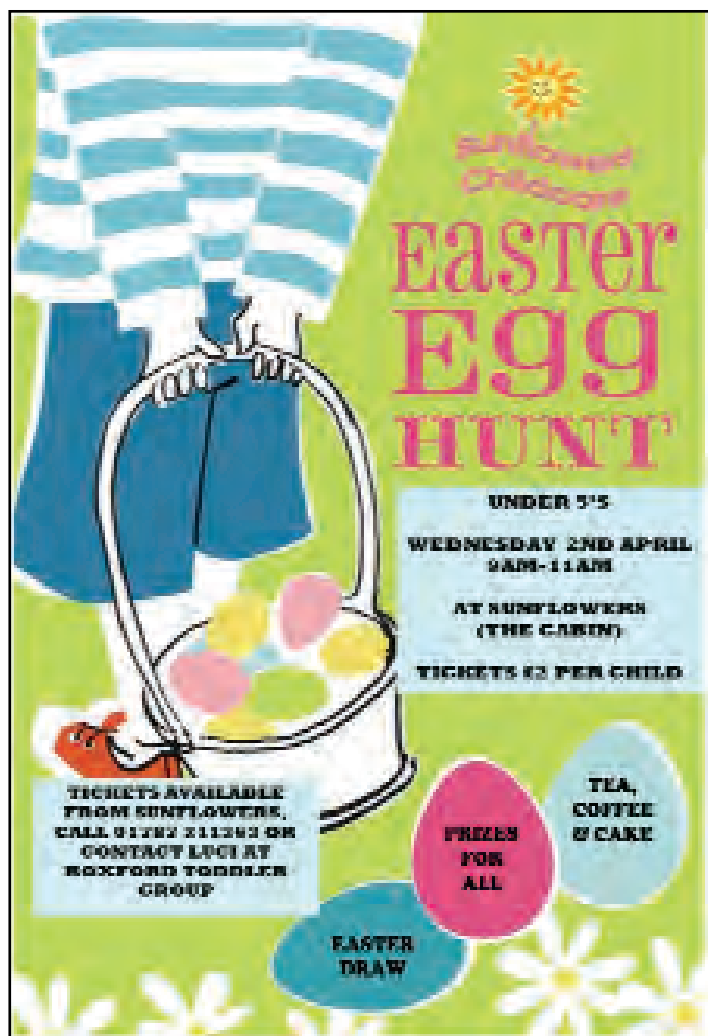
**Babergh District Councillor:** Bryn Hurren

**Suffolk County Councillor:** James Finch

**Police Representative:** An Officer from Suffolk Police  
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**Tea & Coffee will be served at 7.30 p.m.**





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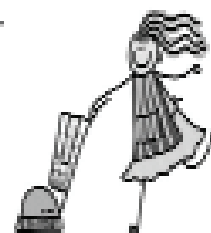


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Alison Brain was our speaker this month, someone known to many of the members from her Ugandan bead sales in Mary's House. She gave us a fascinating talk about the story behind the beads and what the money is used for.



Uganda children have many problems to overcome in their survival. This is particularly the case in the rural villages. Alison is a children's nurse and just over 5 years ago she went to Uganda with a friend and met Agnes, an amazing woman who ran a school. The children there were sick and malnourished and the school building was crumbling to pieces. Many of the children were orphans and so Agnes decided to open an orphanage alongside the school.

Alison wanted to help and she decided that nutrition was a major problem, and as there was no kitchen, the building of one would be a start. She went to Kampala and in the market, met the women who were making and selling beads. She bought about 100 items back to Suffolk and with the aid of a few coffee mornings, especially in Mary's House, collected enough to build a kitchen. Now the older children cook for the younger ones and they all have 3 meals a day.

The health of the children was the next area Alison focussed on and through the sale of the beads, flushing toilets and washing facilities were installed.

The rainy season in Uganda means that water is plentiful for a few months and in short supply at other times, so a large water tank now provides water all year round. A filtration plant insures the children can drink the water too. The growing of vegetables and the keeping of chickens, turkeys, a few goats and piglets are a valuable source of food. The children are taught how to look after themselves and this enables them to survive when they leave the school and orphanage at 16.

There are 180 children in the school and 75 in the orphanage. Child led families are helped in the respite centre. These children lose their childhood and the centre gives them the opportunity to be children for a while.

We were humbled and very impressed by the work that Alison does, and loved the beads that she sells.

This month's craft group started knitting hats, mittens and scarves for the Shoe Box Appeal.

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1st Boxford Scouts  
Vulpine Explorer Scout Unit  
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Bellringers  
Boxford Art Group  
Boxford Bible Study Group  
Boxford Bike Club  
Boxford Bowls Club  
Boxford Bounty  
Boxford Car Community Scheme  
Boxford Carpet Bowls  
Boxford Community Council  
Boxford Conservative Assoc  
Boxford Drama Group  
Boxford Fleece Jazz Workshop  
Boxford Gardens Open  
Boxford Gardening Society  
Boxford Netball Club  
Boxford Over 60s Club  
Boxford Playing Fields  
Boxford Playing Fields Pavilion  
Boxford Rovers Football Club  
Boxford School  
Boxford Society  
Boxford Spinney  
Sunflower Child Care  
Boxford Study Centre  
Boxford Tennis Club  
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Boxford Village Hall Bookings  
Boxford WI  
Boxford Youth Club  
Box River News  
Carers Support Group  
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Community Police Officer  
County Councillor  
District Councillor  
Edwardstone and Boxford CC  
Fleece Jazz Club  
Friends of Boxford School  
Green Team  
Local History Recorder  
Mill Surgery  
Babies and Toddlers Group  
Parish Council  
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)  
Poppy Appeal  
Primrose Wood  
SESAY  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Village Hall Draw Tickets

Diana Taylor 210239  
Moira Grant 211513  
Adam Marshall 210323  
Eloise Britcher 828710  
Janice MacMillan 210565  
Richard Gates 210432  
Mark Miller 211596  
Denzil Smith 210020  
Vic Rice 210504  
Richard Gates 210432  
Sue Beven 210021  
211077  
Matthew Shinn 211296  
Les Clark 210698  
Mark Miller 211596  
Sue Green 210603  
Jean Saunders 210725  
Ward Baker 210129  
Peter Patrick 210346  
Janice Macmillan 210565  
David Mayhew 248585  
Angela Tolputt 212264  
Elizabeth Wagener 210223  
Elaine Powling 211243  
Shirley Watling 210024  
Richard Gates 210432

Richard Robinson 211114  
Bob Giles 210332  
Tina Loose 210538  
Gordon Edgar 210108  
Moira Grant 211513  
Simon & Jo Marchant 210149  
Yvonne Woodfield 210151  
Guy Godfray (Clerk) 211378  
Veronica Hobbs 211529  
Lyn Beer 01787 210985  
Pauls Hoare 211033  
EddieKench 211507  
Phillip Ingram 210771  
Bob Giles 210332  
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James Finch 01206 263649  
Bryn Hurren 01787 210854  
Iain Young (01787 210048  
David Gasson 210796  
Tina Impett.  
Elaine Carpenter 210601  
Philip Rich 210605  
210558  
Helen Shinn 211296 or Salley Lewis 210213  
Debbie Hattrell 210943  
Ruth Kingsbury 211236  
Brian James 210814  
Ian Lindsley 210520  
Maggie 210888  
Ruth Kingsbury 211236  
210640

## Newton Clubs & Organisations

Art Club  
Line Dancing  
Local History Recorder  
Newton Fireside Club  
Newton Golf Club  
Newton Green Trust  
Newton Keep Fit Club  
Newton News Views & Coffee  
Newton Village Hall  
PCC  
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Sponsored cycle ride  
Surgeries

Anne Gardner 312346  
Jean Tomkins 377343  
Alan Vince 373963  
Wendy Turner 372677  
377217  
Lee Parker 376073  
Alan Vince 373963  
Alan Vince 373963  
Christine Cornell 370331  
Chris Cornell 370331  
Boxford Mill 210558  
Meadow Lane 310000  
Hardwicke House 370011  
Siam 370444  
Brian Lawson 312160

## Edwardstone Clubs & Organisations

Edwardstone Millennium Green Trust  
Edwardstone Parish Hall booking Secretary  
Edwardstone Parish Hall chairman  
Edwardstone United Charities  
Edwardstone and Boxford CC

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Fiona Raymond 210461  
Daphne Clark 210698  
Les Clark (Clerk) 210698  
Tom Whymark 211375

.Local History Recorder  
Parochial Church Council (Secretary)

Daphne Clark 210698  
Ineke Morris 210761  
Mrs A Tribe 211526

## Groton Clubs & Organisations

Groton Educational Foundation  
Groton Parish Council  
Groton United Charities  
Groton Village Hall Bookings  
Local History Recorder  
Sponsored cycle ride  
Groton Parochial Church Council (secretary)  
Groton Winthrop Mulberry trust

Anthea Scriven 01787 210263  
Sandra Gray 211465  
Jeremy Osborne 211960  
Joanna Roberts 210619  
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Pat Kennedy-Scott 210319  
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## Ltl Waldingfield Clubs & Organisations

Gt Waldingfield WI  
Little Waldingfield History Society  
Ltl Waldingfield Parish Council  
Lt Waldingfield Parish Room  
Little Waldingfield Playingfield Committee (Chair)  
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Linda Lutz 378888  
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## Milden Clubs & Organisations

Milden Cricket Club

Richard Robinson 211114

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Boxford Rovers Youth: [boxfordrovers.intheteam.com](http://boxfordrovers.intheteam.com)  
Boxford Rovers FC (Men's teams) [www.boxfordrovers.co](http://www.boxfordrovers.co)  
Boxford Village Hall: [boxfordvillagehall.co.uk](http://boxfordvillagehall.co.uk)  
Fleece Jazz: [dovbear.co.uk/fleece/](http://dovbear.co.uk/fleece/)  
Tornado Smith: [thewallofdeath.co.uk/Tornado.htm](http://thewallofdeath.co.uk/Tornado.htm)  
Edwardstone Cricket Club [edwardstonecricketclub.com](http://edwardstonecricketclub.com)  
Milden Cricket Club [www.mildenc.co.uk](http://www.mildenc.co.uk)

### DOCTORS

Boxford Mill: [hadleighhealth.co.uk/](http://hadleighhealth.co.uk/)

### PARISH COUNCILS

Newton Parish Council: [newton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/](http://newton.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/)  
Little Waldingfield Parish Council: [littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/](http://littlewaldingfield.onesuffolk.net/)  
Groton Parish Council [www.grotonsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.grotonsuffolk.co.uk)

### PUBS

The Boxford Fleece: [boxfordfleece.com/](http://boxfordfleece.com/)  
The Boxford White Hart [whitehartboxford.com](http://whitehartboxford.com)  
The Groton Fox: [thefoxandhounds.webeden.co.uk/](http://thefoxandhounds.webeden.co.uk/)  
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The girls featured in the photo above are (from left to right) Top row: Mabel Gregory, Olivia Landenberger, Eliza Betts, Katie Lister, Jessica Farmer, Sydney Batt, Abi Craske, Isla Romer-Lee, Flo Redmonds, Cameron Taylor-Willis, Katy Osborne (coach), Front row: Morgan Rowe, Holly Gooderham, Rosie Lister, Natalie Betts, Phoebe Shinn, Clemmie Farmer, Maya Osborne and Violet Shinn.

Boxford Rovers Girl's football team launched their new kit on 1st March at Homefields. The new kit which has been sponsored by the White Hart, Boxford, sees the girls in royal blue jerseys and shorts and hooped royal blue and white socks.

The new girl's team, which is coached by Rene Landenberger (far left), was officially formed in September 2013. Training takes place every Saturday morning at 9.30.

So far, the girls have played a handful of friendly matches together with a couple of small tournaments. Recently they fielded three teams at a Suffolk FA event in Brandon where they performed creditably. Further friendlies are being organised against Long Melford, Brandon Town FC and Cornard Dynamos.

If you are between the ages of 8-12 and would like to get involved with Boxford Girls, contact 07538 405552.

## NEWTON BEGINNER GROUP SESSIONS

As part of the national Get Into Golf initiative, a number of beginner group sessions are to be staged at Newton Green Golf Club.

Professional Tim Cooper will be running the following four-week courses: Ladies, Saturday, March 9, 9-10 am; Mixed, Saturday, May 4, 4-5 pm; Juniors/young adults, Saturday, June 9, 9-10 am.

## 1973 RATES TO NEW MEMBERS! AT STOKE

**Stoke by Nayland charges 1973 rates to new members!**

Celebrating over 40 years since the founders, Bill and Devora Peake opened the original Stoke by Nayland Golf Club, this well-established family owned Club is still going from strength to strength. And as a special gesture to mark its 40th anniversary last year Stoke by Nayland Golf Club is offering an amazing reduction in the joining fee from £500 to the level that it was in 1973 – ie £35 !!! Anyone joining the golf club between now and the last putt on the prestigious PGA Seniors Championship being hosted here from 5th to 8th June 2014 will be able to take advantage of this incredible offer!

They would also be joining a club offering TWO championship golf courses and outstanding golfing facilities such as a covered driving range, extensive short game practice area with excellent professional tuition on hand, welcoming clubhouse and brilliant member benefits offered throughout the hotel complex. The annual subscription fee will be payable as normal from the date of joining.

The Club has enjoyed a year of excellent achievements for all areas of the thriving membership. The Men's, Ladies, Senior and Junior teams competed in many county and national events last year and achieved very impressive results all round. Stoke by Nayland has been selected to host the PGA Seniors Championship for the third time this June - as well as the Ladies European Tour Access Series from 16th – 18th October, which is all testimony to the strong reputation that the Club has with both the PGA and the European Senior Tour.

For more information on Stoke by Nayland Golf Club and the membership offer please contact Adrian Bullock, Golf Secretary on 01206 265815 or email [golfsecretary@stokebynayland.com](mailto:golfsecretary@stokebynayland.com) and visit [www.stokebynayland.com](http://www.stokebynayland.com)

## NEWTON CAPTAIN'S BIG BANG SEND-OFF



Above: Sue Thurgate watches Carol Durston putt out

Sue Thurgate's year of office as captain of Newton Green Golf Club ladies' section has got off to an explosive start.

The retired head teacher had not bargained for a St Trinian's style send off. But as she approached the first tee for her drive-in, she was confronted with 60 women golfers, many in ill-fitting school wear they had once worn as youngsters.

As a school bell tolled, startled Sue was dressed up in a teacher's cape and a tri-part hat, and led to the tee.

She swung her driver, only to make contact with a fake ball, which exploded in a cloud of smoke. However, before she could utter the words "detentions all round," she had been given a real ball to strike down the fairway.

Following the drive-in, ladies played a 10 hole, pairs social Stableford. Results: 29 Cynthia Chapman and Sarah Williams, 28 Caroline Crace and Angela Allen,

27 Sally Cade and Sue Hobbs.

Nearest pin (handicaps up to 28) on 6th Andrea Thompson.

Nearest pin (handicaps 28-36) in two on 2nd Elizabeth Underhill.

The previous evening, the ladies held their AGM when a cheque for £1,000 was presented by outgoing captain Carol Durston to Nick Naughton from The Samaritans. During the year £130.04 had also been raised for Fishermen's Mission.

Carol said a big thank you from the bottom of her heart not only to those involved with Newton Green's success in the Haskell, Weston and Cranworth county trophies, but also to all the club's lady trophy winners for 2013.

New ladies captain, Sue Thurgate, wished everyone a good golfing year and said her chosen charity would be Canine Partners.

## Edwardstone Cricket, A New Season Begins..

With Spring just around the corner minds are turning to the start of the new Cricket Season with the first fixture on Sunday 27 April.

Under the able captaincy of Jack Clark, Edwardstone will once again be without doubt the youngest team in the league however optimism is high due to the manner in which the team finished off 2013. Last years leading bowler and batsman were both Under 15's and with another years experience Jack is looking forward to some competitive matches. The nets will be erected at Homefield within the next few weeks with practice sessions each Thursday evening from 6.30. With so many youngsters the club are always on the lookout for some older players, if only to keep Ray Gibbons company, so if you anyone wishes to dust off their whites we would be delighted to see you!

The junior section goes from strength to strength as evidenced by the graduation to the senior team of so many teenagers. Tim Beven will be running a cricket taster with the cubs/scouts on 25th March with outdoor training beginning on Homefield each Saturday morning from 9.30 to 11.00 from Easter onwards. All are welcome.

Tom, ECC Secretary